

BUSINESS PAPER

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 4 December, 2012

Meeting commences at 6:30pm

**Council Chambers
Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street
Petersham**

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Administrative Centre
PETERSHAM













28 November 2012

Notice is given of the **COUNCIL MEETING**, to be held in the Council Chambers on Level 3 of the Administrative Centre, 2 Fisher Street, Petersham, on Tuesday, 4 December, 2012, commencing at 6:30pm.

Yours faithfully

Ken Gainger
General Manager

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Council and Committee Meetings

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Meetings are 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 procedural motion is adopted to change the order of business at the meeting. This sometimes happens when members of the public request to address the Council on an item on the Agenda.

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 may not be discussed in open Council and observers may be asked to leave the Council Chambers when they are discussed. 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.

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.

More Information

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- Committee Structure and Delegations
- meeting dates for the remainder of the year
- information on attending Council and committee meetings, and on applying to speak at meetings

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	THAT:	
	1. Council reaffirms its commitment to the library as a major project priority;	
	2. Council expresses its appreciation to the residents of Lillydale Street for their patience with the early works;	
	3. Council notes the report and resolves to proceed with Phase 4 consultation to include;	

- a) the Accommodation Schedule schemes referred to in the report identifying Scheme 1 as Council's preferred option; and
 - b) the funding options identifying Option 3 as Council's preferred option;
4. a report regarding the outcome of the Phase 4 consultation be submitted to Council in March 2013;
 5. Council continue to develop the adopted design concept for the library to meet the key program dates discussed in the report; and
 6. further progress reports be submitted to the Major Projects Steering Committee and Council with regard to the ongoing work.

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File Ref: 3172/74528.12

From 15 November 2011 to May 2012, Council staff conducted community engagement relating to Phase 3 of the New Marrickville Library's Communication and Engagement Plan. Community consultation focused on the key question as to whether the community supports the application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to build the New Marrickville Library.

An extensive program of activities were conducted to encourage public participation in the engagement process with a large number of people providing feedback.

RECOMMENDATION	75
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THAT:

1. Council receives and notes the report; and
2. a copy of the report including appendices be included on Council's web site.

C1212(1) Item 4	PEDESTRIAN, CYCLIST & TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012	98
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File Ref: 3337/76107.12

The Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 20 November 2012 to discuss 8 items.

RECOMMENDATION	98
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THAT the recommendations in Sections A, B, C and D of the Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 20 November 2012 be adopted.

C1212(1) Item 5 ACCEPTANCE OF NSW METROPOLITAN GREENSPACE PROGRAM GRANT FOR ABORIGINAL INTERPRETATION IN COOKS RIVER PARKS STAGE TWO 110

File Ref: 10763-03/75293.12

Council is advised that the NSW Department of Planning has awarded Council a Metropolitan Greenspace Program Grant of \$30,000 (GST exclusive) for the detailed design and installation of Stage Two of the Aboriginal Interpretation in Cooks River Parks project.

RECOMMENDATION 111

THAT:

1. Council receives and notes this report;
2. Council accepts the NSW Metropolitan Greenspace Program Grant of \$30,000; and
3. an appropriate adjustment be made to the budget at the next financial review.

C1212(1) Item 6 FUNDING FOR GADIGAL INFORMATION SERVICE TO SUPPORT YABUN FESTIVAL 2013 112

File Ref: 3466-02/74534.12

Marrickville Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee (MACC) received a written request from the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) seeking triennial funding support for their annual Yabun Festival which is held in Victoria Park, Broadway, on Australia Day.

At it's meeting on 15 October the MACC considered this request and reached agreement to provide support to the Festival.

RECOMMENDATION 114

THAT:

1. a one-off offer of \$5,000 be made to the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) for the Yabun Festival in 2013;
2. the Gadigal Information Service must in future apply for funding through Marrickville Council's Community Grants program; and
3. Marrickville Council be recognised as a sponsor at the Yabun Festival.

C1212(1) Item 7 OPEN MARRICKVILLE 2013 PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS 115

File Ref: 4662/72677.12

Council is advised of applications received for the Open Marrickville Grant Program 2013. Council received 38 applications requesting a total of \$167,768 and 21 projects are recommended for funding.

RECOMMENDATION 118

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council endorse funding for the 21 applications as outlined in ATTACHMENT 4, totalling \$58,388 for the Open Marrickville Grants Program

C1212(1) Item 8 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND DELEGATIONS 146

File Ref: 1310-03/76486.12

At its meeting on 25 September 2012, Council resolved that two new Committees be adopted and that a further report be presented back to Council providing further information about the Committees including a suite of delegations to support the new Committee structure.

RECOMMENDATION 153

THAT Council:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. revokes all previous delegations to Committees and adopts the Committee Structure, Names, Membership, Functions and Delegations as outlined in ATTACHMENT 1 to commence in February 2013;
3. revokes all previous delegations to the Mayor and delegates to the Mayor the Mayors Delegations contained in the Instrument of Delegation as ATTACHMENT 2;
4. revokes all previous delegations to the General Manager and delegates to the General Manager the General Manager's Delegations contained in the Instrument of Delegation at ATTACHMENT 3;
5. authorises the Mayor to sign each Delegation Instrument on behalf of Council pursuant to this resolution;

6. amends Appendix 2, Committee Delegations to the Code of Meeting practice and notes the review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be reported back to Council in February 2013; and
7. officers review the efficiency and effectiveness of the new Committee Structure and report back to Council by June 2013.

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File Ref: 3517-04/76033.12

At the 6 November 2012 Council meeting, a Notice of Motion supporting the benefits of neighbours coming together for barbeques in their neighbourhoods was put forward, with a request for a report on the development and implementation of a 'Marrickville Council Street Parties Program'.

This report outlines a proposed approach and highlights further work that needs to be done to investigate the feasibility of purchasing, monitoring and maintaining a Street Party Kit.

RECOMMENDATION	164
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THAT:

1. Council support the promotion of Street Parties within the Two Way Street campaign and the Groundwork program; and this be launched on Australia Day for future street parties; and
2. a further report is prepared investigating the feasibility of purchasing, monitoring and maintaining a Street Party Kit.

C1212(1) Item 10	FACILITIES NEEDS RESEARCH - STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR MARRICKVILLE REPORT	168
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File Ref: 4001/72705.12

Council is advised that the Facilities Needs Research Project has been completed and the report, *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville*, has been delivered by the project consultants, The Miller Group.

RECOMMENDATION	173
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THAT:

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council endorses the report *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* for public exhibition for a period of 42 days, commencing on 14 January 2013.

C1212(1) Item 11	MINUTES OF THE MARRICKVILLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 25TH OCTOBER 2012	175
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File Ref: 317-01/74846.12

The Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee held a meeting on 25 October 2012 to consider nine items.

RECOMMENDATION 176

THAT Council:

1. notes and receives the minutes of the Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee held on 25 October 2012;
2. undertakes discussions with RailCorp to investigate the potential for the installation of community/public art murals within Sydenham station;
3. expresses concern to RailCorp/Transport for NSW that accessible interchange remains an outstanding issue at Sydenham station and that options for improvement be discussed prior to the re-opening of the station; and
4. considers the proposals set out in item 5 of the attached minutes for inclusion as part of a future capital program of works

C1212(1) Item 12	MINUTES OF THE GREENWAY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 22 OCTOBER 2012	183
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File Ref: 366-01/73288.12

The GreenWay Steering Committee met on 22 October 2012 to consider eight items.

RECOMMENDATION 184

THAT Council receives and notes the Minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee meeting 22 October 2012.

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Reports appearing in this section of the Business Paper are confidential in their entirety or contain confidential information in attachments.

The confidential information has been circulated to Councillors separately.

C1212(1) Item 24 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - SSROC AWT TENDER REPORT 223

File Ref: 12/SF434/74356.12

In August 2009, Marrickville joined in with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) Advanced Waste Treatment (AWT) tender process. The eight participating councils were Ashfield, Burwood, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Rockdale, Waverley and Woollahra.

The purpose being to recover additional resources (specifically food organics and recyclables) from the garbage stream and reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfill through an Alternative or Advanced Waste Treatment (AWT) technology. In the AWT process waste from the red lidded bin (municipal solid waste or putrescible waste) goes through some treatment processes prior to its disposal to landfill – in this process the theory is that any recyclable containers are mechanically removed for recycling and food and garden organics are extracted and biologically processed to generate a compost or soil-amendment product.

The proposed contract would commence in 2015 and expire in 2030 (ten year contract with a five year option).

Three tenders were received in October 2011 and reviewed in May 2012 by the assessment panel made up of representatives from each of the participating councils. Two tender options were available to Marrickville, as the third tender was only open to Ashfield, Burwood and Leichhardt (food and garden organics separated service).

The recommendations and tender assessment is contained in **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS 1 & 2** because it contains information that is classified as confidential under section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RECOMMENDATION

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THAT:

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 of the Report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the following reasons:
 - (a) information within this report, if disclosed, could confer a commercial advantage on persons with whom the Council proposes to or may conduct business; and
 - (b) it is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these Tenders or the assessment process. Companies have provided sensitive information about their operations in the confidence that their details will not be made public by Council. The practice of publication of sensitive information provided by companies could result in the withholding of such information by companies and reduction in the provision of information relevant to Council's decision.

And in accordance with Sections 10A (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1.A the Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and as such is to be treated as confidential;
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

C1212(1) Item 25 SSROC TENDER - TEMPORARY STAFF

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File Ref: 3974/56020.12

Due to the expiry of the existing Agreements, SSROC called a tender for the provision of Temporary Staff services to its member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

228

THAT:

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 of the Report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the following reasons:
 - (a) the information within this report, if disclosed, could confer a commercial advantage on persons with whom the Council proposes to or may conduct business; and
 - (b) it is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these tenders of the assessment process. Companies have provided sensitive information about their operations in the confidence that their details will not be made public by Council. The practice of publication of sensitive information provided by companies could result in the withholding of such information by companies and reduction in the provision of information relevant to Council's decision.

And in accordance with Sections 10A(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1.A Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, and as such is to be treated as confidential.
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in the CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1, and give first preference to SSROC contracted suppliers, unless it can be demonstrated that the service cannot be supplied to Council's requirements.

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 November 2012

Meeting commenced at 6.34pm

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.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Macri (Mayor)	Tsardoulis (Deputy Mayor)	Brooks	Ellsmore
Hanna	Haylen	Iskandar	Leary
Phillips	Tyler	Woods	

APOLOGIES:

Motion: (Macri/Tyler)

THAT the apologies for Councillor Gardiner be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS:

Items 20 and 21: Councillor Leary declared a pecuniary conflict of interest in Items 20 and 21 as he holds investments in unit trusts which in turn hold shares in tenderers. Councillor Leary will leave the Chamber during these items.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Motion: (Macri/Brooks)

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 6 November 2012 and Council Development Matters Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 November 2012 be confirmed.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

C1112(2) Item 1 MAYORAL MINUTE: ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS AT TEMPE

Motion: (Macri/Haylen)

THAT staff submit a report to the Council outlining the proposal for the installation of advertising billboards in Tempe including costs associated with billboard construction, potential revenue that could be derived, and identifying any potential land use planning issues and/or other factors that may be relevant to such a proposal.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods
Against Motion: Nil
Absent: Councillor Ellsmore

C1112(2) Item 2 PEDESTRIAN, CYCLIST & TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

Motion: (Macri/Haylen)

THAT the recommendations in Section B and Section C of the Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 23 October 2012 be adopted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods
Against Motion: Nil
Absent: Councillor Ellsmore

C1112(2) Item 3 RECREATION NEEDS RESEARCH - STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR MARRICKVILLE

Motion: (Macri/Tsardoulis)

THAT:

1. Council receive and note the report;
2. Council endorse the *Recreation Needs Research - Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report;
3. the *Recreation Needs Research - Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report is used to inform the development of a Marrickville Recreation Policy and Strategy, Section 94 Contributions Plan and other relevant Council planning documents;
4. Council acknowledges there will be no changes to the configuration of the Marrickville Golf Course which will remain an 18 hole golf course;
5. Council endorse the implementation of a program of works next financial year, prioritising works at Camperdown Park; and
6. Council endorse the preparation of a budget briefing paper for Council's consideration as part of the upcoming annual budget process, outlining a proposed refurbishment plan for Camperdown Park, including resurfacing, drainage, lighting, amenity improvements, along with estimated costs for consideration and inclusion in the capital works program.

Amendment: (Leary/Ellsmore)

Amend the proposed resolution as follows:

- Delete clause 2 and replace it with following:
 "Council endorse the Recreation Needs Research Strategic Directions for Marrickville report subject to the provisions below."
- amend clause 3 to read as follows:
 "the Recreation Needs Research Strategic Directions for Marrickville report read in conjunction with public submissions and feedback received during consultation are all to be used to inform the development of a Marrickville Recreation Policy and Strategy, Section 94 Contributions Plan and other relevant Council planning documents."

- add new clause 4 as follows:
“Council specifically rejects the following recommendations of the abovementioned report:
- recommendation 40: to the extent this would involve any changes to the configuration of the Marrickville Golf Course which must remain as an 18 hole golf course in its current configuration;
- recommendation 48: the feasibility and master planning process identified in this recommendation shall not give any consideration to proposals to reduce the Marrickville Golf Course to 9 holes;
- recommendation 42: proposals for the use of synthetic turf at sports fields including at Tempe Reserve and associated feasibility studies.”
- add new clause 5 as follows:
“In light of Council’s rejection of recommendation 42 Council directs that a feasibility study be undertaken of:
 - available options to improve identified poor drainage and allegedly dangerous surfaces at Tempe Reserve which will not involve the use of a synthetic surface;
 - the adequacy of existing parking at Tempe Reserve;
 - potential impacts on neighbouring residential areas which may result from any upgrade of facilities; and
 - the potential impact of the proposed WestConnex motorway on Tempe Reserve.

Any further upgrades to Tempe Reserve should not occur without prior and meaningful public consultation.

Amendment Lost

For Amendment: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Leary and Phillips

Against Amendment: Councillors Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

The Motion (Macri/Tsardoulis) was put.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

C1112(2) Item 4 ARLINGTON RESERVE PLAYING FIELD

Public speakers: Mark Swan, Carole Ferguson, Gavin Edwards, Laki Konistis, John Theodoropoulos, Simon Crook and Richard Langereis

Motion: (Macri/Woods)

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council supports option 3;
3. Council officers prepare a further report for the consideration of the Council on 4th December 2012, that details the financial, timing, management and community engagement considerations of Council’s preferred option, and addresses issues associated with the use of Arlington Reserve through a plan of management review process.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Leary and Phillips

**C1112(2) Item 5 DRAFT MARRICKVILLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011
AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND DRAFT MARRICKVILLE
DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Public speakers: Paul Schoff and Peter Sleiman

Motion: (Macri/Tsardoulis)

THAT Council:

1. receives and notes this report;
2. adopts Draft MLEP 2011 Amendment No.1, subject to the following further amendments arising from consideration of submissions from public exhibition:
 - Submission 6: Heritage provisions for 1-7 Unwins Bridge Rd and 24 Cavendish St, Enmore be amended to show the correct Heritage Inventory date (1943) and the correct property information on the maps;
 - Submission 7: Change the fourth R1 General Residential zone objective and add a fifth objective, to read as follows:

“To provide for retail premises in existing buildings designed and constructed for commercial purposes; and

To provide for office premises in existing buildings designed and constructed for commercial purposes or as part of the conversion of existing industrial and warehouse buildings.”
 - Submission 11: MLEP 2011 Clause 4.4(2A) “150sqm – 200sqm 1.01:1” be amended to read “150sqm – 200sqm 1.0:1”;
 - Submission 12: MLEP 2011 Clause 6.9 – *Conversion of industrial/warehouse buildings to residential flat buildings, multi dwelling housing and office premises* be amended to read:

“6.9 Conversion of industrial buildings and warehouse buildings to residential flat buildings, multi dwelling housing and office premises in residential zones

 - (1) *The objectives of this clause is to permit residential flat buildings, multi dwelling housing and office premises in Residential Zones where they are part of an adaptive reuse of existing industrial buildings and warehouse buildings.*
 - (2) *This clause applies to development and land in the following zones:*
 - a) *multi-dwelling housing and residential flat buildings in Zone R2 Low Density Residential,*
 - b) *residential flat buildings in Zone R2 Low Density Residential, Zone R3 Medium Density Residential,*
 - c) *office premises in Zone R1 General Residential, Zone R2 Low Density Residential, R3 Medium Density Residential and Zone R4 High Density Residential.*
 - (3) *Development consent must not be granted for the purpose of the conversion of industrial buildings and warehouse buildings to multi dwelling housing, office premises or residential flat buildings on land to which this clause applies unless:*
 - a. *the development relates to a building that was designed and constructed for an industrial or warehouse purpose and was erected before the commencement of this Plan, and*
 - b. *the consent authority has considered the following:*
 - i. *the impact of the development on the scale and streetscape of the surrounding locality,*

- ii. the suitability of the building for adaptive reuse,
- iii. the degree of modification of the footprint and façade of the building.

Despite clause 4.3(2) or 4.4, development carried out under this clause is not subject to any height or floor space ratio limits shown for the land on the Height of Buildings Map or the Floor Space Ratio Map.”

- Submission 14: MLEP 2011 Clause 6.11 – Use of dwelling houses in business and industrial zones be amended to read:

“6.11 Use of dwelling houses in business and industrial zones

(1) The objective of this clause is to provide for the use of purpose built dwelling houses in business and industrial zones, for residential purposes, under particular circumstances.

(2) This clause applies to a building in existence on the appointed day, being a building that was designed and constructed as a dwelling house and in respect of which the existing use provisions of the Act have ceased to apply, on land in the following zones:

- (a) Zone B1 Neighbourhood Centre,*
- (b) Zone B4 Mixed Use,*
- (c) Zone B5 Low Business Development,*
- (d) Zone B6 Enterprise Corridor,*
- (e) Zone B7 Business Park,*
- (f) Zone 1N1 General Industrial,*
- (g) Zone IN2 Light Industrial*

(3) Development consent must not be granted to development for the purpose of the use of an existing building, to which this clause applies, that was designed and constructed as a dwelling house on land to which this clause applies unless:

- (a) the existing dwelling house will be substantially retained,*
- (b) the existing dwelling house will offer satisfactory residential amenity.*

- Submission 16: That MLEP 2011 Schedule 5 be amended to show the correct locality (Marrickville) for Heritage Item I287, and list the former Globe Worsted Mills (building and substation) as follows:

“Marrickville; Former Globe Worsted Mills and interiors; 11–23 Gordon Street; SP 77403; Local; I84”

Marrickville; Former Substation Globe Worsted Mills; 42 Philpott Street; Lot 1 DP 1161225; Local; I84”.

3. Forwards to the DoPI for consideration by the Minister for Planning to approve Draft MLEP Amendment No.1 as adopted;
4. In parallel with gazettal of MLEP 2011 Amendment No.1, places a notice in a local newspaper advising of commencement of MLEP 2011 Amendment No.1 and MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1;
5. Considers the following matters in the next round of amendments to MLEP 2011:
 - Submission 1: Proposal to rezone 776 Parramatta Road, Lewisham, from B6 Enterprise Corridor to B2 Local Centre be investigated;
 - Submission 8: Proposed amendments to MLEP 2011 R2 Low Density Residential zone objectives;
 - Submission 9: Proposed amendments to MLEP 2011 R3 Medium Density Residential zone objectives;
 - Submission 10: Proposed amendments to MLEP 2011 R4 High Density Residential zone objectives; and

- Submission 13: Proposed amendments to MLEP 2011 Clause 6.10- *Use of existing non-residential buildings in residential zones*.
6. Considers the following matters in the next review of the *Marrickville Urban Strategy*:
 - Submission 5: Issue of population increases and demand for educational facilities, as raised by the Department of Education & Communities.
 7. Takes no action on the following MLEP 2011 Amendment No.1 matters:
 - Submission 11: Proposal to add “*secondary dwellings*” to MLEP 2011 Clause 4.4(2A).
 8. Adopts Draft MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1, subject to the following further amendments arising from consideration of submissions from public exhibition:
 - Submission 17: The formatting error in the Parking Areas definition in MDCP Section 2.10 Parking be corrected; interpretation of the term ‘residential flat buildings and shoptop housing with seven or more units’ in MDCP 2011 Section 2.10 Parking Table 1 be clarified by adding “*All residential flat buildings ...*”; MDCP Section 2.10 Parking Table 1 provision rates for Marrickville’s Parking Areas 1 and 2 be aligned with City of Sydney’s Parking Area 2 and 3 and that Marrickville’s Parking Area 3 rates be set slightly higher than Parking Area 2. This results in a modest increase in parking provision rates overall (NB: Draft MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1 provision rates are shown in brackets): Parking Area 1 (most accessible, most constrained): studios 0.2 (0.2) 1br 0.4 (0.3) 2 br 0.8 (0.7) 3+ br 1.1 (1), Parking Area 2: studios 0.4 (0.3) 1 br 0.5 (0.4) 2 br 1 (0.8) 3+ br 1.2 (1), Parking Area 3 (least accessible, least constrained): studios 0.6 (0.5) 1 br 0.8 (0.6) 2 br 1.2 (1) 3+ br 1.2 (1); and Draft MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1 point No.5 for justifying parking at lower than the required level, i.e.: “*ready availability of on-street parking in the immediate locality and/or in nearby car parks*” be deleted.
 9. Considers the following matters in the next round of amendments to MDCP 2011:
 - Submission 17: Investigate the use of s.149 Certificates to convey information about availability of onsite parking;
 - Submission 20: The concerns about the use of 360L bins are noted and will be investigated for a later amendment to MDCP 2011, in consultation with the relevant sections of Council; and
 - Submission 21: Any amendments to MDCP 2011 Section 2.20 Tree Management that may arise from Council’s consideration of tree management processes.
 10. Until relevant controls are included in MDCP 2011 Section 9 precinct controls, any Development Application in relation to 1-15 West St and 96-98 Brighton Street, Petersham include as part of the Section 79(c) assessment the matters identified in Council’s 1 May 2012 resolution; and
 11. Takes no action on the following MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1 matters:
 - Submission 17: Draft MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1 parking provision rates for small-lot (less than six units) shoptop developments to remain unaltered;
 - Submission 18: Support for the constrained parking approach of MDCP 2011 is noted in this submission from a Stanmore resident and transport planner, but no action be taken to amend MDCP 2011; and
 - Submission 19: No changes to MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1 in response to the submission from a St Peters resident.
 12. Writes to all parties who were notified of the exhibition and who made submissions in relation to Draft MLEP 2011 and Draft MDCP 2011 Amendment No.1 to inform them of Council’s resolution; and
 13. Writes to the Minister for Planning to advise that it has endorsed the delegation to the General Manager of functions under Section 59 of the EP&A Act for the making of Local Environmental Plans (LEPs).

14. makes the following minor changes to correct errors in drafting:

- Clause 2: Submission 12: Wording of clause 6.9 amend incorrect numbering (4), (5), and (6) to read (1), (2), (3) and number last paragraph as (4)."
- Clause 2: Submission 16. Amend to read "Submission 15".
- Clause 11: "Submission 17" amend to read "Submission 16 and 17".

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Tsardoulas, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Leary and Phillips

C1112(2) Item 6 TREE MANAGEMENT - INVENTORY, MASTER PLAN AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

Public speakers: Kate Watts, Fiona MacColl, Jacqueline Yetzotis, Eva Johnstone, Adrienne Shilling, Louise Steer, John Butcher, Helayne Short, Vicki Panagopoulos, Rosamund Dallow-Smith and Christine Hay

Motion: (Tsardoulas/Haylen)

THAT Council:

1. receive and note the report;
2. refers the report to the Environment Committee;
3. provide a capital budget of \$170,000 in 2013/14 for street tree removal and replacement;
4. where capital renewal reconstruction works are undertaken and conflict exists between a street tree and infrastructure, the guidelines outlined in the 'Urban Forest Strategy' should be followed;
5. advise and clearly enunciate any changes to the policies and controls governing tree management within the Marrickville Local Government Area;
6. staff look at other paving options including porous flexible paving and that staff stop using asphalt for reconstruction of pavements;
7. staff look at options to increase the number of verge gardens and sustainable gardens;
8. consult with the residents of the streets affected; and
9. defers any non-urgent actions arising from the report until the Street Tree Master Plan is completed and adopted and a thorough community consultation is completed.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulas, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

C1112(2) Item 7 AMENDMENT TO HEIGHT CONTROLS IN MARRICKVILLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011 AND MARRICKVILLE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2011

Public speaker: Ben Hendriks

Motion: (Hanna/Tyler)

THAT Council adopts recommendations 2, 3 and 4 as appearing on the Business Paper (with the deletion of Point 1) as follows:

2. Section 4.2.5.2 C25 and Section 5.1.3.3 C15 (Amendment No. 1 reference number) be amended to still provide provision for the use of roof top structures, when proposed, to

limit their impact and a note be added that this may also require approval of a variation to the HOB development standard under CI 4.6.

3. Section 5.1.3.3 C7 (as amendment under MDCP 2011 Amendment No. 1), that controls the height of the street front portion of the building mass, be amended to be consistent with the amendments to the HOB map, reducing the maximum height from 12m to 11m and a maximum 3 storeys where the HOB standard is set as 11.5m or greater.
4. Sections 9.25.10.2, 9.36.4.1, 9.36.4.2, 9.36.4.3, 9.36.4.4, 9.36.4.5, 9.38.4.1, 9.38.4.2, 9.38.4.3, 9.36.4.4, 9.36.4.5, 9.40.4.1, 9.40.4.2, 9.40.4.3, 9.40.4.4, 9.40.4.5, and 9.45.9.2, that set controls and guidelines relating to building height and form for these five precincts be amended to be consistent with the amendments to the HOB map.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Leary and Phillips

C1112(2) Item 8 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

Motion: (Macri/Tsardoulis)

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council approve the variations identified as matters requiring budget adjustments.

Amendment: Leary/Ellsmore

THAT clause 2 of the recommendation be amended as follows:

2. Council approve the variations identified as matters requiring budget adjustment with the exception of the amount of \$900,000 for Major Projects-SES approval for which is deferred until Council's next meeting in December 2012.

Amendment Lost

For Amendment: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Leary and Phillips

Against Amendment: Councillors Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

The Motion (Macri/Tsardoulis) was put.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Leary and Phillips

C1112(2) Item 9 FURTHER REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO COUNCILLORS POLICY

Motion: (Tsardoulis/Leary)

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council adopt the draft Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy at ATTACHMENT 1 and note the provision in Clause 4.1 to provide for the needs of Councillors with a disability.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

C1112(2) Item 10 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2012

Motion: (Macri/Iskandar)

THAT the report be received and noted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Councillor Leary

C1112(2) Item 11 COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2012

Motion: (Macri/Iskandar)

THAT the report be received and noted.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Councillor Leary

C1112(2) Item 12 CAMPERDOWN BOWLING CLUB

This item was withdrawn. The matter was considered as part of Item 23.

C1112(2) Item 13 NOTICE OF MOTION: STREET TREE OUTSIDE 16 TEMPLE STREET, STANMORE

Motion: (Macri/Phillips)

THAT the Notice of Motion be deferred for consideration at the Council Meeting on 4 December 2012.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Councillor Leary

C1112(2) Item 14 NOTICE OF MOTION: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLANS

Motion: (Macri/Phillips)

THAT the Notice of Motion be deferred for consideration at the Council Meeting on 4 December 2012.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods
Against Motion: Nil
Absent: Councillor Leary

C1112(2) Item 15 QUESTION ON NOTICE: MARRICKVILLE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

The response to the Question on Notice was noted.

C1112(2) Item 16 QUESTION ON NOTICE: COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS

The response to the Question on Notice was noted.

C1112(2) Item 17 QUESTION ON NOTICE: ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS

The response to the Question on Notice was noted.

C1112(2) Item 18 QUESTION ON NOTICE: COUNCIL POLICY ON CATS

The response to the Question on Notice was noted.

REPORTS WITH CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

C1112(2) Item 22 ADVICE ON PROSPECTS - APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF DA - 2-4 SHAW STREET, PETERSHAM - ANASTASIOS PRILIS

Motion: (Leary/Tyler)

THAT Council adopt Option A in the "Conclusion" to this report.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods
Against Motion: Councillors Macri and Phillips

C1112(2) Item 19 SSROC TENDER SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Motion: (Macri/Iskandar)

THAT:

- 1.A Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, and as such is to be treated as confidential.
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in the CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods
Against Motion: Nil

Having declared an interest in C1112(2) Items 20 and 21, Councillor Leary left Council Chambers.

C1112(2) Item 20 WASTE MANAGEMENT - REPORT ON JOINT DRY WASTE TENDER 2011

Motion: (Macri/Iskandar)

THAT:

- 1A. the Council resolve that ATTACHMENTS 1 & 2 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, and as such is to be treated as confidential;
2. Council adopt the recommendation contained in the CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Councillor Leary

Having declared an interest in C1112(2) Items 20 and 21, Councillor Leary left Council Chambers.

C1112(2) Item 21 SSROC 2011 TENDER - LANDFILL DISPOSAL CONTRACT

Motion: (Macri/Iskandar)

THAT:

- 1A the Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and as such is to be treated as confidential;
- 2 the Report be received and noted; and
- 3 Council adopt the recommendation contained in the CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

Absent: Councillor Leary

C1112(2) Item 23 CAMPERDOWN BOWLING CLUB - IN LIQUIDATION

Motion: (Tyler/Macri)

THAT Council, in its capacity as manager of the Camperdown Park (R8205 and D500444) Reserve Trust:

1. agree to the continued operation of the Camperdown Bowling Club by its Receivers & Managers until 30 June 2013 subject to payment of Council's outstanding debt;
2. seek Expressions of Interest for the future operation of the Club with a view to a new operator commencing occupation on 1 July 2013;
3. advise the operators of Pasquale's Kitchen of the actions Council intends to take, the intended timeframes and the potential consequences for their tenure within the Club; and

4. prepare a media release outlining the actions Council is taking with regard to the current and future operation of the Club.

Motion Carried

For Motion: Councillors Brooks, Ellsmore, Hanna, Haylen, Iskandar, Leary, Macri, Phillips, Tsardoulis, Tyler and Woods

Against Motion: Nil

Meeting closed at 11.15pm.

CHAIRPERSON

Item No: C1212(1) Item 1
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: FRASER PARK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROPOSAL
File Ref: 4674/76551.12

Councillors

Background

Sydney Portuguese Community Club is a not-for-profit registered business entity formed in the 1960's for the purpose of providing social and networking opportunities predominantly for the Portuguese community. The club has had several homes but was established in the current Fraser Park location in 1991.

The Fraser Park Football Club was formed in 1961, as a franchise of the Sydney Portuguese Community Club, and recently celebrated 50 years of operation. The football club has over 400 registered young players and plays in the Canterbury Districts Soccer Football Association (CDSFA).

The professional management of the FC has grown significantly over the last few years and now has a very strong leadership and very active group of volunteers. The Club is supported by generous sponsorship from the local business community.

The Sydney Portugal Community Club has a vision to create sporting and social recreation facility in the Marrickville area that the Fraser Park Club, Marrickville Council and of course the traditional owners of the ground (Cadigal Wangal clans of the Eora nation) can be proud of.

An upgraded Fraser Park venue will provide opportunities for the younger generation to develop their sporting skills and provide a family friendly social environment for the community, whilst retaining the traditional roots of the Club for the aging Portuguese members.

To achieve the vision it is necessary to have a financially strong Club and a common strategy with local government and other stakeholders to achieve a series of objectives. The most urgent objective is to upgrade the Club's infrastructure to improve what is available now and then work towards new opportunities and financial sustainability.

Funding sought by this proposal is \$2.0 million

This proposal describes a project to upgrade sporting facilities at 1 Fraser Park. The immediate focus is the replacement of the old grandstand with a new structure capable of accommodating 1,000 spectators.

The cost to build the new grandstand is estimated to be \$1.82 million and the amount sought is up to \$2.0 million.

The construction is expected to start on the 23rd August 2013 and take 26 weeks to complete. The Grandstand should be officially opened around March 2014, in time for the 2014 football season.

Building approvals have been obtained and a tender process will take place as soon as funding is secured

The project has been initiated by the Fraser Park Football Club (FPFC) and will be overseen by the FPFC Board on behalf of the Sydney Portugal Community Club.

Expected benefits to the Marrickville district community include:

- Provide badly needed sporting facilities for organised sport
- Safe and comfortable accommodation for watching sporting events
- Ability to attract and host major sporting events
- Suitable venue for visiting football teams from within Australia and overseas
- Compliance with NSW FA football ground requirements to enable participation of Fraser park Football Club teams in a higher standard of football competition
- Venue for school sporting activities

The construction of the grandstand is an integral part of the Sydney Portugal Community Club vision and strategy for the Fraser Park complex. Futsal Courts have been recently opened to provide an opportunity for youth in the area to enjoy world class sporting facilities and the new grandstand is an important next stage.

Fraser Park has the necessary skills within its organisation to successfully manage the project and the Club has the necessary financial resource to successfully manage the ongoing operation of their assets. The club remains optimistic in what has been a challenging trading period, and through a program of capital works which was commenced in 2011, resulting in the major upgrades to its main auditorium. In addition the club has made further significant investments, resulting in a recent opening of a world class all weather sports facility, known as the KIK OFF Sports facility, which is rapidly gaining recognition in the local area, judging by the increased numbers of bookings. This is the first of its kind in the local community and is now available for rental to all local sports groups.

MOTION:

THAT Council write a letter to the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) supporting the Fraser Park Football Club's request for funding.

Clr Victor Macri
Mayor of Marrickville

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 2
Subject: NEW MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY - PROGRESS REPORT
File Ref: 3172/74839.12

Prepared By: William Blunt - Executive Manager, Major Projects

SYNOPSIS

A report on progress with the establishment of a new library including community and cultural facilities (Community Hub) on the former Marrickville Hospital site.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council reaffirms its commitment to the library as a major project priority;
2. Council expresses its appreciation to the residents of Lillydale Street for their patience with the early works;
3. Council notes the report and resolves to proceed with Phase 4 consultation to include;
 - a) the Accommodation Schedule schemes referred to in the report identifying Scheme 1 as Council's preferred option; and
 - b) the funding options identifying Option 3 as Council's preferred option;
4. a report regarding the outcome of the Phase 4 consultation be submitted to Council in March 2013;
5. Council continue to develop the adopted design concept for the library to meet the key program dates discussed in the report; and
6. further progress reports be submitted to the Major Projects Steering Committee and Council with regard to the ongoing work.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 10 April 2012, Council considered a number of reports relating to the new library project and resolved as follows:

*As Council has identified the **library as a project priority**, it is proposed THAT:*

1. Council **engage the architect** in Option 2 on page 36 of the report;
2. The engagement of the architect be limited to:
 - Development and implementation of **the early works package**
 - Development and report on **modified and/or alternate lower cost design options** for the new library that reduce the financial burden on ratepayers and looks at **other funding options**
 - A report on the **future staffing** and **annual maintenance costs** for each option

3. The **community engagement program be extended** to enable the community to respond to any modified and/or alternate design options and the associated community/Council funding implications for each proposal;
4. Council officers prepare a report on the possible future uses of the Marrickville Town Hall including the vacated library area. That this study include, but not be limited to, cultural and community usage; and

THAT Council continues to be committed to the **development of the Marrickville Hospital site precincts C, D and E consistent with the principles enunciated in Council's LEP/DCP** and that the General Manager in conjunction with the architect lead a review to report on options and the financial yield for Council from the developments of precincts C , D and E which incorporate affordable housing provision.

5. The amount of **park and open space** proposed in Precint B be preserved in future designs and that any new design ensure the open space is high quality and easily accessible.

This report discusses the highlighted matters in the above adopted resolution.

DISCUSSION

Library as a major priority project

During 2006/2007, Council developed and adopted a suite of Major Projects including the development of the Marrickville Hospital Site including a library and the upgrading of the Annette Kellerman and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centres and a Waterplay facility at Steel Park.

In 2008, due to a down turn in the property market and financial pressures at the time, Council resolved to defer the Marrickville Hospital Site project including the library until the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre had been completed. Notwithstanding the postponement, Council remained committed to the provision of a new library at the hospital site.

In 2010, as the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre was being completed, Council reaffirmed its position and listed the provision of the new library as the priority project.

Council's resolution above re-affirmed that position.

In support of the report to Council's meeting of 19 July 2011 which included an extensive report with regard to the project, a program was prepared that identified the actions required to achieve a completion of the library by the end of 2014. Key dates included:

- Adopt concept and appoint consultant team – April 2012 (achieved)
- Lodge Development Application – March 2013
- Commence construction – August 2013
- Complete and open – December 2014

To enable the project to be progressed without significantly compromising this program and in particular the need to lodge a Development Application in early 2013, it is essential that Council re-affirms the library project as a priority.

Item 2

Early Works

Regular reports on the progress of the early works have been provided to Councillors via Major Projects Steering Committee meetings. The works were due for completion at the end of October 2012, however, with further discoveries of hazardous materials and more extensive concrete structures in Building 6 (boiler house and laundry), the project is now due for completion during November.

The works to date have successfully removed hazardous materials from buildings 1 to 6 and resulted in the removal of buildings 5 and 6 and other non heritage structures and materials.

Removal of the hazardous materials has been undertaken with significant care and has involved an independent monitoring and testing company. An extensive air monitoring program (8 monitors) has been undertaken during all removal works. All tests have been clear of asbestos.

Follow up geotechnical and contamination investigations and archaeological works are being arranged following the removal of buildings 5 and 6. Further reports regarding these activities will be issued progressively.

A continuing engagement program has been undertaken with the residents of Lillydale Street (being those most affected by the works). It would be appropriate to acknowledge the cooperation and patience of the residents.

Modified and/or alternate lower costs design options

BVN Architects in conjunction with the library staff have re-examined the concept design and the Accommodation Schedule and have identified three alternate schemes.

These are explained in the attached report (**ATTACHMENT 1**) and are as follows:

Scheme 1 – the concept design has been “tightened up” to achieve improved floor space efficiencies. Reduction in floor area by 6%. Potential reduction in cost of \$0.9M. This scheme is supported by the library staff and consultants and does not impact on the usability of the proposed library and community spaces and does not impact on Council’s ability to meet the services.

Scheme 2 – a severe reduction in collections, doubling up of some functions and elimination of others. Reduction in floor area by 27%. Potential reduction in cost of \$4.2M. This scheme significantly impacts on Council’s ability to deliver the required library services, does not comply with library and benchmark standards and would not provide the capacity to support the projected growth in the local population. There would be significant impacts on particular user groups including; youth and children’s services, a broad range of demographics and support for disadvantaged groups.

Scheme 3 – A significant reduction in the community and cultural functions incorporated in the project. Reduction in floor area by 21%. Potential reduction in cost of \$3.27M. This scheme will remove all community and cultural spaces from the project eliminating the Vision to have a “community hub”. The *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report has identified that in addition to the community and cultural spaces provided in the library project, another two facilities will be required to support the current and future population of the local area. Therefore, if the community and cultural spaces are not provided as part of the project, they will inevitable have to be provided elsewhere at greater cost due to the need to acquire additional land and fund the same amount of construction in the future but at higher costs (the library project will deliver economies of scale).

Council at its meeting of 19 July 2011 considered a report by independent specialist library expert – Dr David Jones (**ATTACHMENT 2**). Dr Jones had been requested to review the draft Accommodation Schedule in relation to the current and library standards. Dr Jones reported that on a service based benchmark – 3,927 sq metres would be required and on a population based benchmark – 3,765.2 sq metres would be required.

These areas included allowance for the expected population growth as a result of the increased densities via the LEP and changing demographics.

Scheme 1 as discussed above provided 3,660 sq metres. Whilst this is now slightly less than both benchmark standards, the library staff is confident that that amount of space is adequate and would therefore be satisfactory to meet the service and population benchmarks.

In addition, regard should be had for the recommendations in the *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report. This study identifies significant service gaps in library, community and cultural facilities. Provision of a library that meets the benchmarks and provides community and cultural facilities in the project, fully supports the identified future needs for the community via a “Community Hub”.

If those facilities are not provided as part of this project, alternate locations will need to be found and budgets identified to acquire and provide those facilities in the future. Compromises now, could be short sighted given the identified gaps.

In addition, the Recreation Needs study identifies a short fall in open space in the local area. The provision of open space on the site of the scale incorporated in the concept design supports Item 5 of Council’s resolution and the short fall identified in the study. The concept design includes a primary open space of 1,200 sq metres. This is twice the size of the standard 500 sq metres for “pocket parks”.

Similarly, if this open space is not provided as part of this project, alternate open space will need to be acquired in the future to support the growing local population. Budgets will need to be identified to acquire those spaces.

In addition, regard should be had for the Vision expressed by the community through the consultation processes for the new facility to be a “Community Hub” with a range of spaces and functions that support emerging library trends and community and cultural activities.

It is recommended that Scheme 1 be adopted for the project as that scheme closely aligns with the community’s Vision and expectations, provides flexibility to meet emerging library trends and services and supports a wide range of community activities. This scheme also meets shortfalls for community and cultural facilities and open space identified in the recent *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report and Recreation Needs studies to meet growing populations and changing demographics within the community.

Funding Options

In addition to the 6.72% Special Rate Variation (Option 1) to fund the project, Council staff have identified two further options as follows:

Option 2 – this option increases rates above current levels via a 4.5% Special Rate Variation – this option reduces the Option 1 rate by increasing the contribution from Council reserves notably S94 developer contributions.

Item 2

Option 3 – this option does not increase rates above current levels. This option uses short term borrowings which would be repaid by an extension of the existing Aquatic Centre's Special Levy. This existing levy was introduced in 2007 and is due to expire in 2017. Rather than expiring, it is proposed to extend the levy indefinitely as an infrastructure levy so as to fund the borrowings used to fund the project as well as other emerging infrastructure needs.

A summary of each of the Funding Options is included as **ATTACHMENT 3**.

In considering the above funding options, Council's long term financial future needs to be borne in mind along with the projected financial returns from the sale of Precincts C, D and E as recently presented to the Major Projects Steering Committee. It should be remembered that those returns will be impacted by the levels of affordable housing adopted for the development, the extent of infrastructure upgrades to support the project (Ausgrid, Sydney Water), the levels of Section 94 payments to be made and any future decision with regard to the levels of parking to be provided to support the future residential development.

Whilst the financial return to Council will be governed by development mechanisms such as Private Public Partnerships, Joint Ventures or sale only, income streams will not flow to Council for a number of years, which will be at a time when other pressures will manifest (e.g. upgrading of other infrastructure and other needs to meet a growing population) requiring further financial resources.

Whilst it is recognised there was support for a Special Rate Variation to support the project (see Item 3), there was also opposition with expressions of financial hardship being put forward.

Having regard to the above and the need to minimise impacts on ratepayers, it is recommended that Option 3 be adopted as Council's preferred funding model for the project, subject to a consideration of the results of further Phase 4 consultation.

Future staffing

A report prepared by the Manager Library and History Services presented to the Major Projects Steering Committee identified that the proposed new library as per the concept design can be staffed within the existing library staffing levels.

Future maintenance

BVN Architects have conducted a review of the concept design and the proposed materials to be used and concepts for the various services e.g. air conditioning, natural ventilation, electrical and lighting systems. To minimize running costs, BVN and their specialist services consultants have identified opportunities to minimize water, electricity and gas costs through the use of mixed mode ventilation systems and daylight harvesting and rainwater re-use combined with high efficiency lights, plant and equipment.

As this is primarily a new building, it is possible to incorporate these initiatives cost effectively. Incorporating these in an existing building is often problematic and cost prohibitive.

BVN have advised there would be no "extra over" maintenance as a result of their design other than normal maintenance applicable to any building of this nature. This could be expected to be between 1 and 3% annually (\$150k to \$450k)

Community engagement

Council has conducted three phases of community consultation to date. These are discussed in the Report for Item 3.

It is appropriate to commence Phase 4 consultation to provide feedback to the community and seek their views with regard to the following;

- Presentation of the three schemes for the Accommodation Schedule and the recommended adoption of Scheme 1 so as to retain the greatest flexibility for the future of the building and being the most appropriate of the schemes to meet the growing needs of the community. In providing this information, it would be appropriate to include a series of fact sheets identifying the current services provided and those planned in the new facility, a discussion on the impacts of e books, the proposed nature and potential operation of the community facilities and further information regarding the “community hub” concept.
- Presentation of the three alternate funding options discussed above and in particular the recommended adoption of Option 3. In providing this information, it would be appropriate to include a further series of fact sheets discussing the budget for the project and each of the funding options.
- Overall timeframe for the project so the community appreciates the work involved to achieve a timely completion. It would be appropriate to include information regarding the early works and further geotechnical, soil contamination and archaeological works.

Precincts C, D and E

Council has resolved to proceed with the development of Precincts C, D and E in accordance with the LEP and DCP and to incorporate appropriate levels of affordable housing.

BVN Architects have prepared a series of master plan studies. These were presented to a meeting of the Major Projects Steering Committee as “work in progress”.

These studies include schemes 1 and 2 which seek a modest FSR of approx 1.5 to 1. The other schemes 3 to 6 seek to maximise the FSR to 2.05 to 1.

During the work, an anomaly was identified between the height limits in the LEP and the height limits in the DCP. Schemes 1 and 2 best meet the requirements of the LEP and DCP. Schemes 3 to 6 comply with the LEP with regard to height but exceed the heights in the DCP.

All schemes retain the heritage buildings identified in the DCP – Building 1 Hospital, Building 4 Nurses Quarters and the three terraces fronting Livingstone Road.

All schemes have some non compliance with regard to set backs from various boundaries and have compliance issues with SEPP 65.

Further work is now required to refine one or more preferred options to achieve compliance with Council's LEP and DCP as required by Council's resolution. In addition, further work is required to refine the financial position including the matters discussed above, propose a level of affordable housing for the development and meet with the infrastructure authorities to better define overall development costs.

It is planned for this work to continue, with a report to be submitted to Council in early/mid 2013. It is proposed that the report would include further advice and recommendations on required future actions to enable the development to proceed including a risk analysis, review and recommendation of the most appropriate development methodology (Public Private Partnerships, Joint venture, sale), a proposed timetable for the implementation and required statutory approvals that would need to be obtained (e.g. PPPs require special approval from the NSW Government).

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Park and Open Space

Council at its meeting of 19 July 2011 resolved to include the option of a park/forecourt on Precinct B within the Brief for the design competition. The concept put forward by BVN Architects included an open space on Precinct B with the library and community facilities opening onto that space.

The Phase 2 community consultation identified strong support for the open space.

Council at its meeting of 10 April 2012 resolved that the open space should be “*high quality and accessible*”.

Council's Recreation Needs study identified the Marrickville growth centre has a relatively low supply of open space (0.64ha compared to 0.87ha for the LGA) and that the population of the precinct is forecast to grow by around 3,800 people or 15% over the next 20 years and as a consequence if there are no further acquisitions of land, the per capita amount will reduce further.

As a result of Council's resolution, BVN Architects reviewed the opportunities to provide comparable open space in alternate locations on the hospital site. BVN identified that the open space could be provided partly in Precinct C and B but not entirely in Precinct C due to the location of heritage buildings or could be provided entirely in Precinct B as per the design concept or alternately in conjunction with 10 storey residential buildings (2 levels higher than the existing nurses quarters) fronting either Marrickville or Livingstone Roads. These options are described in the booklet included as **ATTACHMENT 4**.

Having considered the options including the pros and cons, BVN considered the current design concept to provide the most appropriate open space for the hospital site. The current design incorporates “urban square” and pocket park” (good examples are provided on pages 170 and 171 of the Recreation Needs study) type spaces and provide a substantial community forecourt and gathering space in front of and supporting the library and community functions. BVN see this space as integral to the design for the library and when combined with the recently opened up Hospital Lane, it provides exciting opportunities with regard to open space for the whole hospital site and surrounding neighbourhood.

The recent demolition of Building 5 and the opening up of the Marrickville and Livingstone Road corners has given Councillors, staff and consultants the opportunity to “experience” the space and to better understand its relationship to St Brigids, the existing teaching College and the two heritage properties on the opposite side of Livingstone Road.

CONCLUSION

Council appointed BVN Architects in accordance with Council's resolution and has proceeded with the work required by Council. Further work is required to better refine the adopted concept design and further refine the master plan schemes for Precinct C, D and E.

However, given the work to date and the matters discussed above, it is appropriate to proceed with further community consultation whilst expressing Council's commitment for the library as a priority project and Council's preferred Accommodation Schedule scheme to meet the needs and aspirations of the community and the preferred funding option which results in no increase in current rate levels.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding options for the New Marrickville Library project are discussed above.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

Development of the project and the issues discussed above have been the subject of review at regular meetings of the Marrickville Hospital Site Working Group.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

An extensive three [phase community consultation program has been undertaken and is the subject of a further report to Council – see Item 3.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. Council reaffirms its commitment to the library as a major project priority;
2. Council expresses its appreciation to the residents of Lillydale Street for their patience with the early works;
3. Council notes the report and resolves to proceed with Phase 4 consultation to include;
 - a) the Accommodation Schedule schemes referred to in the report identifying Scheme 1 as Council's preferred option; and
 - b) the funding options identifying Option 3 as Council's preferred option;
4. a report regarding the outcome of the Phase 4 consultation be submitted to Council in March 2013;
5. Council continue to develop the adopted design concept for the library to meet the key program dates discussed in the report; and
6. further progress reports be submitted to the Major Projects Steering Committee and Council with regard to the ongoing work.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. BVN Architects Accommodation Schedule Analysis
2. Report by Dr David Jones
3. Funding Options for New Marrickville Library - pros and cons
4. BVN Architects Open Space Analysis

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NEW MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT REPORT
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1.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE

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1.4	Foyer	Café	50	50	0	Within 1.1	50
1.5	Foyer	Virtual customer service	6	6	0		6
1.6	Foyer	Community Information Area	6	6	0		6
1.7	Foyer	Community meeting rooms	60	60	60		60
1.8	Foyer	Auditorium	80	80	60		0
1.9	Foyer	Community workshop	30	30	0		0
1.10	Foyer	Toilets	50	50	50		50
1.11	Foyer	Baby change	3	3	3	Note: Removed by NMLWG, however reinserted as required	3
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2.6	Main	Collection: School Resources	12	12			12
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3.1	General	Customer service	15	15	15		15
3.2	General	Self-checkout + Quick borrower area	12	17	17	Includes 3.3	17
3.3	General	Quick borrower area	15	0	0		0
3.4	General	Display area - New books	20	10	10		10
3.5	General	Newspaper/magazine area	45	30	30		30
3.6	General	Main study/reading areas	300	300	255		300
3.7	General	Intimate study/reading areas	40	40	40		40
3.8	General	Quiet multi-purpose room	30	30	0		30
3.9	General	Local Studies area	90	90	50		90
3.10	General	Museum, historical area and keeping place	50	50	0		0
3.11	General	General multi-purpose room + exhibition space	80	80	80		0
3.12	General	Catering kitchen	20	11	11		0
3.13	General	Photocopier/printer area	20	15	15		15
3.14	General	Outdoor reading area	50	50	0		50
		TOTAL GENERAL	787	738	523		597
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7.11	Staff	Home Library area (Processing and Storage)	60	60	60		60
7.12	Staff	Garbage area	10	10	10		10
7.13	Staff	Loading dock	70	70	70		70
		TOTAL STAFF	806	672	572		562
	NETT TOTAL		2884	2711	2102		2280
	NETT Reduction in size			173	782		604
		Circulation(20%)	577	542	420		456
		Services (15%)	433	407	315		342
	GROSS TOTAL		3893	3660	2838		3078
	GROSS Reduction in size			234	1056		815
	% of brief		100	94%	73%		79%

INTRODUCTION

The original Accommodation Schedule for the new Marrickville library was assembled by BVN following a series of stakeholder consultations with the New Marrickville Library Working Group (NMLWG), Marrickville Hospital Site Working Group (MHSWG), Marrickville Council and Marrickville community.

This document was issued on 12th August, 2011 and formed part of the brief for the Marrickville Library Competition.

The table opposite indicates 3 alternative schemes, in addition to the original briefed Accommodation Schedule. The table is intended to facilitate a comparison of the areas allocated to each space under each of the 3 schemes.

How to read this table:

Column 1

The first column assigns a number to the individual space.

Column 2

The second column 'prefix', groups the space with a greater area.

Column 3

The third column 'space' provides a descriptive title for each space.

Column 4

The fourth column titled 'competition' is the original Accommodation Schedule brief, issued 12.08.2011

Column 5

The fifth column titled 'Scheme 1' indicates revised areas, as agreed following discussions with the NMLWG. These area reductions are minimal and do not impact on the provision of services for the library as originally briefed.

Column 6 & Column 7

The sixth and seventh columns titled 'Scheme 2' show significant area reductions following discussions with the NMLWG and Major Projects (MP). The seventh column provides descriptions on these reductions where applicable.

Column 8

The eighth column titled 'Scheme 3' shows reductions in area through the removal of all community functions.

Where the areas are a reduction from the original Accommodation Schedule these are highlighted with a pale colour. Where areas are an increase from the original Accommodation Schedule these are highlighted with a strong colour. Where there has been no change in area the background remains white.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Scheme 1 shows a conservative reduction in gross area of 234m². This equates to a 6% area reduction. The area savings identified include savings created by combining functions and through the testing and acceptance of potential planning efficiencies. The recommendations made in the report are reflected in this scheme's area figures.

Scheme 2 shows a severe reduction in gross area of 1058m², or a 27% area reduction. Significant area savings have been achieved by making a 15-18% cut across the collections, doubling up functions and deleting some functions altogether. Based on consultations with NMLWG these cuts would compromise the quality and diversity of services able to be provided by the library and would not be welcomed by the community.

Scheme 3 achieves a reduction in gross area of 815m² or 21%. A significant portion of these area savings have been achieved by deleting community functions from the New Marrickville Library. These functions would have to either be provided through another building project or foregone altogether, which would be unpopular with the community given how stressed existing community services are at present.

For these reasons Scheme 1 is recommended as the preferred scheme.

The following pages explore each section of the Accommodation Schedule in more detail.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

REV A - Issued 30 May 2012
REV B - Issued 06 June 2012
REV C - Issued 19 June 2012
REV D - Issued 25 June 2012
REV E - Issued 05 July 2012
REV F - Issued 09 July 2012

2.0 FOYER

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KEY:

Decrease in area

No change in area

FOYER
The adjacent table looks at the areas allocated to each space within the foyer.

Scheme 1 (BVN Design Development) shows no changes to the area allocated to each space when compared to the original accommodation schedule.

Scheme 2 (NMLWG & MP proposed area reductions) show significant area reductions to the majority of spaces within the foyer as highlighted. Explanations of these reductions where applicable are shown in the adjacent column.

Scheme 3 (Community Facilities removed) show an area reduction through the removal of gallery/exhibition space, auditorium and community workshop spaces.

Please refer to Section 9.0 Appendices for more information about the community demand for an auditorium, as provided by the NMLWG.

3.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE - COLLECTION

COLLECTION

The State Library provides guidelines for collection sizes for public libraries. Recommended levels are from 2.4 - 3.1 items per capita.

The following is an analysis of the Marrickville collection:

Marrickville Library's current collection totals 184 745 volumes. It comprises the following:

Books	97 214
Non-books	25 234
E-books	2 324
E-audio books	1 918
E-serials	6 610
Home library	110
Branch library	36 335
SWIFT borrowings*	15 000

From the 2011 Census statistics, Marrickville has a population of 76 500.

Using the State Library guidelines, the current collection just meets recommended levels at 2.4 items per capita.

The brief currently allows for an increase in the collection of 15%¹. Assuming that the entire collection (including E publications, SWIFT borrowings, home and branch library) increases by 15%, 212 456 volumes would be available to the public.

This will bring the collection figures to 2.77 items per capita when compared to the 2011 census figures.

Based on a 1.4% population increase (as suggested on the ABS website) Marrickville will have an approximate population of 83 000 by 2016. On these population figures the collection will provide 2.56 items per capita.

Please refer to Section 9.0 Appendices for more information on the implications of an area reduction, as provided by the NMLWG.

On the basis of this analysis we would recommend that there is no reduction to the area allocated for the physical collection as illustrated in the adjacent table.

* Marrickville is a member of a six library consortium which has a shared database from which all customers can borrow with loans transiting between libraries once a week. An average of 15 000 volumes are borrowed via the consortium annually however through the consortium up to 400 000 volumes are available for loan. We have included the average borrowed numbers in calculating the collection available.

¹15% growth expected over the lifetime of the library as per 'People Places' benchmarking standards.

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KEY:
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4.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE - GENERAL

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3.9	General	Local Studies area	90	90	50		90
3.10	General	Museum, historical area and keeping place	50	50	0		0
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3.14	General	Outdoor reading area	50	50	0		50
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GENERAL

The adjacent table looks at the areas allocated to each space within the general areas.

Scheme 1 (BVN Design Development) has adopted some of the area reductions proposed by the NMLWG in the case of the self-checkout and quick borrower area, display area, newspaper/magazine area, catering kitchen and photocopy and printing area.

Scheme 2 (NMLWG & MP proposed area reductions) show area reductions to the majority of spaces as highlighted. Explanations of these reductions where applicable are shown in the adjacent column.

Scheme 3 (Community Facilities removed) have adopted the same area reductions as Scheme 1, in addition to removing the museum, historical area and keeping place, general multi-purpose room and exhibition space and catering kitchen.

At this stage the Accommodation Schedule has not been revised to indicate the possible area savings identified in the reading areas. Savings may be possible through design development of the project.

KEY:

	Increase in area
	Decrease in area
	No change in area

5.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE - CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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5. 2	Young Adults	Youth Lounge	40	40			40
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH
The adjacent table looks at the areas allocated to each space within the children and youth spaces.

Given the practicalities of access by the users it has been argued during the NMLWG sessions that the original area allowance be maintained.

Please refer to Section 9.0 Appendices for more information on the implications of an area reduction to the children and youth spaces, as provided by the NMLWG.

KEY:

No change in area

6.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE - TECHNOLOGY

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6. 4	Technology	Small multi-use technology space	15	15			15
		TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	135	145	115		135

TECHNOLOGY
The adjacent table looks at the areas allocated to each space within the technology space.

Note that at this stage these potential area reductions have not been indicated in the Accommodation Schedule as detail design will be required to test potential savings.

KEY:

Increase in area

No change in area

7.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE - STAFF

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7. 10	Staff	Server room	60	20	20		20
7. 11	Staff	Home Library area (Processing and Storage)	60	60	60		60
7. 12	Staff	Garbage area	10	10	10		10
7. 13	Staff	Loading dock	70	70	70		70
		TOTAL STAFF	806	672	572		562

STAFF
The adjacent table looks at the areas allocated to each space within the staff spaces.

Scheme 1 (BVN Design Development) - The area allocated to Staff breakout, Meeting area and Quiet room reflects the spatial arrangements of the old Hospital building. In the case of the historical archives, returns area and server room, the proposed area reduction follow on from discussions and proposals by the NMLWG.

Scheme 2 (NMLWG & MP proposed area reductions) adopt the same areas as Scheme 1 with the exception of the historical archives which has removed.

Scheme 3 (Community Facilities removed) adopt the same areas as Scheme 2, except in the case of the returns area which remains as be the original accommodation schedule.

Please refer to Section 9.0 Appendices for more detail regarding the functional requirements of the Returns and Storage > Book processing and Equipment Areas.

KEY:

	Increase in area
	Decrease in area
	No change in area

8.0 ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE - TOTAL AREAS

PREFIX	SPACE	BRIEFED ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE TOTAL AREA (m2)	BVN DESIGN DEVELOPMENT	(NMLWG + MP) PROPOSED REDUCTIONS TOTAL AREA (m2)	NMLWG + MP PROPOSED REDUCTIONS <NOTES	COMMUNITY FACILITIES REMOVED
NETT TOTAL		2884	2711	2102		2280
NETT Reduction in size			173	782		604
	Circulation(20%)	577	542	420		456
	Services (15%)	433	407	315		342
GROSS TOTAL		3893	3660	2838		3078
GROSS Reduction in size			234	1056		815
% of brief		100	94%	73%		79%
External Areas in addition to the brief						
	Community workshop outdoor area		66			
	Outdoor reading - right wing		67			
	Children's garden		132			
	Staff outdoor area/verandah		115			
If these area included,						
NETT TOTAL			3091			
GROSS TOTAL			4172.85			

TOTAL AREA REDUCTIONS
The adjacent table shows the resulting area reductions for each scheme in square meters and as a percentage of the original accommodation schedule.

Scheme 1 proposes an area reduction (as compared with the original accommodation schedule) of 173m2, which equates to a 6% gross area reduction.

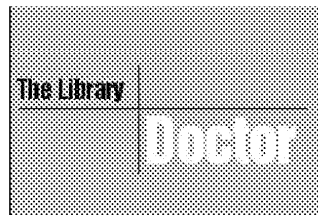
Scheme 2 proposes an area reduction (as compared with the original accommodation schedule) of 782m2, which equates to a 27% gross area reduction.

Scheme 3 proposes an area reduction (as compared with the original accommodation schedule) of 604m2, which equates to a 21% gross area reduction.



9.0 APPENDICES
AUDITORIUM - LOCAL DEMAND
COLLECTION REDUCTION WITH E-BOOKS - IMPLICATIONS
CHILDREN AND YOUTH AREAS - IMPLICATIONS OF AN AREA REDUCTION
RETURNING AREA
STORAGE > BOOK PROCESSING & EQUIPMENT

<p>AUDITORIUM - LOCAL DEMAND (as provided by NMLWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UGA seeking regular venues *Author talks *Concerts – e.g. Local Symphony *Conference venue for Greater Sydney Region *Multicultural information sessions (which attract large numbers) *Professional meeting space for interagency and community service providers *Presentation for Library and History Services, Public Schools, Citizenship ceremonies, healthy ageing seminars *School holiday activities *Demonstrations, cooking, dance, craft etc *Training venue for not-for-profit organisations *Local organisations e.g. Marrickville Heritage Society *Draft Facilities Needs Research Report indicated that an additional 450m² is required to meet anticipated demand of 109 000 people 	<p>COLLECTION REDUCTION WITH E-BOOKS - IMPLICATIONS (as provided by NMLWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Difficulties in obtaining E-books from publishers. E.g. 26-loan limit from HarperCollins; Random House has removed all titles from loan. * Some titles are not yet published in e-format, or there is a several month delay in release of e-format. * Difficulties in creating titles, such as local history items, to make them available for loan * Only e-books available for free are 'classics' (items out of copyright), available through Project Gutenberg * Within Australia there are only two e-book lending platforms available: Overdrive and Wheelers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overdrive is US based and is currently in legal battles with HarperCollins and Random House. - Wheelers' is NZ based and is new to the e-lending platform. There has been no feedback on their effectiveness or reliability at this stage. Only a few Australian Public Libraries have subscribed to them. * Publishing issues with Google and Apple Book store mean some titles available overseas are still not available, legally, here. And there could be device issues with Apple etc in the future (similar to Kindle/Amazon issue) * Technology problems: unable to borrow e-books from any Australian library for use on a Kindle. * Many e-readers are black and white and not backlit which will make some 'pictorial' works less desirable (e.g. illustrated edition of The Da Vinci Code; 1001 places you must visit before you die; and picture books). * There is evidence that backlit e-readers (e.g. iPad) are bad for your eyes and should be avoided for long-term use. Studies are currently being undertaken on the effect on brain patterns – these studies may have long-term effects on e-publishing. 	<p>CHILDREN AND YOUTH AREAS - IMPLICATIONS OF AN AREA REDUCTION (as provided by NMLWG)</p> <p>CHILDRENS' AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reduced flexibility * Unable to meet growth projections: comparing the 2006 and 2011 Census, there has been a 17% increase in 0 – 4s and 13.6% increase in 5 – 12s for Marrickville LGA. * Negative impact on other library users where children occupy other parts of the library because their own section won't accommodate them * Limitation on the kinds of programs able to be hosted * Unable to build in a variety of uses currently lacking, e.g. wet areas including sink and clean up space, craft spaces with tables and chairs for preschool activities, storytelling area, storage * Limits due to space OH&S <p>YOUTH AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Separate space from children required due to use of library, patterns of use and behaviour, etc. * Good to maintain separate space for collection to enable effective access * Youth zone in current library is only youth space in LGA open outside business hours. There is currently a great need for more youth space in the LGA. * Flexible seating and space could accommodate book clubs and home school activities for informal learning 	<p>RETURNS AREA (as provided by NMLWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tubs carrying up to 20 items each depending on size are collected and delivered from/to each library the same day each week for processing onto reserve shelves, into other libraries' bins or back into the local collection. * This exercise can multiply up to fivefold the volume through Returns on that day * The size of the current Returns Room is barely adequate for this activity * We process, daily, as well, bins of Home Library Service books and bins from our own three branch libraries. * Marrickville Library check-in a total of 6-7,000 items per week currently * With new members joining the SWIFT consortium, this number will grow significantly <p>STORAGE > BOOK PROCESSING & EQUIPMENT (as provided by NMLWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Space to accommodate a max. of 4 staff and the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ladders, Cleaning Products, Unused furniture, Pre-booksale storage, Laptop space/ 1 desk / max 4 people, Costumes, Craft, Posters, Picture books, Book club books, Inviting folders, Flags, Professional reading, Wine, Cups, Biscuits, Signage, Trolleys, Chairs, Toner, Xmas decorations, Lightbulbs, Bulky OHS items, Display boards, Receipt rolls, Book covering, Labels, New books (processed), New books (unprocessed), computer and associated equipment, laptops, cataloguing guides (Dewey, LOCSH), First aid kits, paper, donated items, empty boxes, witches hats, lost property, soft toys, paints (craft), DVD & CD cases, book repair glue, TV & DVD/CD (for checking damaged items), trays, jugs, crockery, cutlery, old newspapers, opening flags, HLS boxes (full and empty), paint brushes, daisy players for loan, 'wrap with love' squares awaiting collection, spare branch delivery boxes, childrens' furniture and storage, childrens' storytelling equipment, old books awaiting discard.
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New Marrickville Library Concept Submissions

Part Two: Assessment of Floor Space

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Introduction

This report assesses space requirements for the new Marrickville Library, based on the benchmarks provided in the Library Council publication *People places*, and compares these benchmark figures with the gross floor area for the facility set out in the Accommodation Schedule for the new Library.

Basis of assessment

In 2005 the Library Council of New South Wales issued a second edition of *People places: a guide for public library buildings in New South Wales*, which contains a detailed strategy for planning public library facilities.

People places, Section 3, provides benchmarks for floor space for public library buildings, with alternative ways of developing required floor areas. These are known as 'service-based' and 'population-based' benchmarks.

In recent years compliance with *People places* has been a requirement for applications for Library Council of NSW Library Development Grants.

A third edition of *People places* is expected shortly, and the floor space assessment in this report should be reviewed in the light of any changes in the new edition.

Service-based benchmark

People places describes the service-based benchmark thus:

This method is used to determine the required size of the library based on the future collection size of the library and the type and range of services and core functions that the proposed library building will incorporate. These requirements are then translated into a floor area for each functional area and used cumulatively to determine the size requirement of the proposed library.

The Accommodation Schedule prepared for the new Marrickville Library assumes that the collection size, both print and non-print, will be 15% larger than the current collection. The current collection at the central library amounts to 79,818 items (information from Coordinator, Library Operations, 1 December 2011). Therefore the collection size used in my calculation is 91,790 (79,818 plus 15%).

Please note that I have not broken this figure down into print and non-print items as the space implications are the same in this calculation.

I have assumed that 25% of the collection will be out on loan at any one time. This is a typical proportion on loan expected for a public library of this size.

There are currently 179 serial subscriptions and I assume that this will not increase significantly.

The Accommodation Schedule identifies places for 80 computers provided for public use, and I have allowed for this figure in the calculation.

Optional items added to service-based benchmark calculation

The Accommodation Schedule prepared for the new Marrickville Library identifies not only core library facilities and services but also a number of community facilities. These are:

Gallery and exhibition space	60 sq m net
Auditorium	80 sq m net
Community workshop	30 sq m net
Museum, historical area	50 sq m net
General multipurpose room	80 sq m net
Historical archives	192 sq m net

It is normal to add optional items such as these when calculating the service-based benchmark, and I have therefore included them in my calculations, allowing for a grossing factor to take account of circulation and service areas.

Population-based benchmark

The second benchmark in *People places* is based on projected population figures. A forward projection of ten to fifteen years is recommended, and in these calculations I have made use of *NSW SLA Population Projections, 2006-2036: LGA Summary, Version 1.0* published by the NSW Department of Planning.

As *People places* states (p. 27):

The population-based benchmark assumes that users primarily use their closest library and this defines the library catchment. This benchmark is based on the size of the future population who are likely to use/ or have access to a new/expanded library.

In the case of a central library, such as the new Marrickville Library, the population projections required are for the local government area as a whole, and for the immediate 'catchment' area.

A central library is typically larger, with more resources and services, and often with longer opening hours than branch libraries, so the population-based benchmark adds a percentage to the base figure to allow for the fact that a central library will need more space.

Calculating the local catchment of a central library is never simple. In Marrickville's case each of the branch libraries has its own catchment, and it is assumed that the branches at Dulwich Hill, St Peters and Stanmore would draw users primarily from Camperdown, Dulwich Hill, Stanmore, St Peters and Sydenham.

But the imprecision of catchments based purely on geographic factors is very clear when one realises that at present there are 2,544 residents of Dulwich Hill (one fifth of the 2010 estimated population of Dulwich Hill) who actually registered at Marrickville Library. Unless one undertakes a detailed survey of projected resident habits, there is always an element of conjecture in assessing library catchments.

For the purposes of this study, I have therefore assumed that the central library catchment would draw users from Marrickville itself, Enmore, Lewisham, Petersham and Tempe.

A further complicating factor is the lack of a breakdown of population projections **by suburb** for this local government area. I have assumed that the proportion of people living in the various suburbs in 2026 will be roughly the same as at the 2006 Census. I have used suburb by suburb statistics provided in the factsheets on suburbs on Council's website. Using these figures the populations of Marrickville itself, Enmore, Lewisham, Petersham and Tempe account for 66% of the total population of the local government area.

The population used for this calculation is the 2026 population projection for the Local Government Area produced by NSW Department of Planning (NSW SLA Population Projections 2006-2036, LGA Summary, Version 1) of 84,800 persons. So I assume that the central catchment in 2026 would be 55,968, which is 66% of 84,800.

People places also states (p. 27) that 'consideration should also be given to the future size and distribution of the non-resident workforce and its projected use of library facilities.'

Non-resident workforce is significant in the case of Marrickville. It is noted in *A portrait of Marrickville 2010* (<http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/MARRICKVILLE/INTERNET/RESOURCES/DOCUMENTS/pdfs/StatisticalProfile2010.pdf>, p. 53): '19,774 workers travelled in/to Marrickville to get to work'.

In my calculations I have assumed that in 2026 the non-resident workforce would be approximately 20,000, of whom about two thirds would be within the central library catchment. This is in line with the central catchment proportion described above.

The population-based benchmark for core library areas is 3,101 sq m gross, to which must be added the optional community areas described below.

Optional items added to population-based benchmark calculation

As noted above several community spaces are included in the Accommodation Schedule, and an indicative net floor area is given for each. These need to be added to any population-based benchmark figure so that the end result is comparable with the service-based benchmark. In addition, the net floor areas for these community spaces need to be converted to gross floor areas, taking into account the circulation and services allowed for in the Accommodation Schedule. This amounts to an additional 20% for circulation and 15% for services.

Gallery and exhibition space	60 sq m net
Auditorium	80 sq m net
Community workshop	30 sq m net
Museum, historical area	50 sq m net
General multipurpose room	80 sq m net
Historical archives	192 sq m net
TOTAL net floor area	492 sq m net
Circulation (20%)	98.4 sq m
Services (15%)	73.8 sq m
TOTAL gross	664.2 sq m gross

Total population-based benchmark plus community areas

The population-based benchmark of 3,101 sq m gross plus the community areas 664.2 sq m gross produces a grand total of 3,765.2 sq m gross.

Benchmark results and Accommodation Schedule

The floor areas resulting from these calculations are shown below, together with the total gross floor area shown in the Accommodation Schedule for the new Marrickville Library.

Benchmark/Accommodation Schedule	Square metres (gross)
Service-based	3,927 sq m
Population-based	3,765.2 sq m
Accommodation Schedule	3,893.4 sq m

The Accommodation Schedule is thus comfortably within the range indicated by both service-based and population-based benchmarks.

Tables showing the benchmark calculation spreadsheet are appended.

Appendix: Benchmark Calculations

Applying the Benchmarks in *People places*

This Microsoft Excel spreadsheet will calculate the Service-Based and Population-Based Benchmarks described in Part 3 of the publication *People places: a guide for public library buildings in New South Wales* (2nd edition, Sydney: Library Council of New South Wales, 2005)

Enter the data for your own library building project on this instruction sheet and the spreadsheet will automatically generate a total gross floor area using each benchmark. If you wish, you can then print out the entire workbook, showing the automatic calculations for both benchmarks.

Only add figures in the yellow boxes on this 'Instructions' worksheet. Do not unprotect the spreadsheet or try to add figures to the 'Service' or 'Population' worksheets

Service-Based Benchmark

How many printed items (volumes) will there be in the collection of your new library?

What percentage of printed items is likely to be on loan at any one time?

How many non-print items (tapes, CDs, CD-ROMs, DVDs etc) will there be in the collection of your new library?

What percentage of non-print items is likely to be on loan at any one time?

How many current periodical **titles** will you have?

How many public computer terminals will there be, excluding terminals solely used for catalogues?

91790
25
179
80

With the next questions use percentages to show how much emphasis you want to give to various functions or services. A quick guide is provided which shows typical provision. Not all services or functions may apply to your new library, and there is also space for additional functions to be added.

Functional Area	Quick Area Guide (%)	Your calculation
	%	(Omit % sign)
Collection Area: books and volumes on shelves, periodicals, non print material, virtual and digital resources	100 (mandatory)	100
Reading and Study Areas		
Meeting Areas	10	10
Study Areas	15	15
Browsing, Display, Information	5	5
Resource Areas		
Catalogues, photocopiers etc	10	10
Vending machines, telephones	5	5
Staff Areas		
Service Desk	15	15

Staff Work Area	15	15
Storage	5	5

Amenities

Foyer, Lobby, corridors etc	10	10
Toilets, restrooms, storage etc	5	5
Plant equipment, maintenance	5	5

Optional additional service areas

Children's Storytelling Area	5-10	10
Young Adult Area	5-10	10
Specialist genre collection area	5-10	10
Specialist Room, Local and Family History	10-15	
Multi-Purpose, Training, AV Room	20-25	25
Bookshop, Coffee Shop	10-15	15
Toy Library	10-20	20
Community Services, Bank Services	5	
Storage area for archival materials/conservation	5	15
Mobile Library Services Area	5	5
Central or Regional Work Area	5	5
Central or Regional Community Offices	5	
Gallery		5
Auditorium		10
Community workshop		5
Museum, historical area		10
Multipurpose room		10

Population-Based Benchmark

What is the ten-year Australian Bureau of Statistics population forecast for the local catchment of the proposed library?	55968
How many people would you forecast to be in the non-resident workforce in that catchment in ten years time?	13200
If it is a central library, what is the total ten-year Australian Bureau of Statistics projection for the population of the whole local government or regional area?	84800
How many people would you forecast to be in the non-resident workforce in the local government or regional area in ten years time?	20000
If central library functions are shared between libraries, show the number of libraries equally sharing these functions. Otherwise leave as "1"	1

Floor area required

Service-Based Benchmark	3927	square metres gross
Population-Based Benchmark	3101	square metres gross

Target collection factor (TCF)	Space standard	Your figures are in the highlighted cells			
Volumes (assumes 30% on loan)	100 vols per sq m	Items	% on loan	Items on shelf	Factor area
		91790	25	68843	688
Non-book (number)	100 recordings per sq m	0	0	0	0
Periodicals (titles)	10 titles per sq m	179			18
Electronic resources (number of terminals)	1 terminal per 5 sq m	80			400
Target Collection Factor (TCF)					1106
Functional Area		Quick Area Guide		Extent applicable or emphasis:	
Collection Area: Books and volumes on shelves, Periodicals, Non print material, Virtual and digital resources		100% (mandatory)		100	
Reading and Study Areas					
Meeting Areas		10%		10	
Study Areas		15%		15	
Browsing, Display, Information		5%		5	
Resource Areas					
Catalogues, photocopiers etc		10%		10	
Vending machines, telephones		5%		5	
Staff Areas					
Service Desk		15%		15	
Staff Work Area		15%		15	
Storage		5%		5	
Amenities					
Foyer, Lobby, corridors etc		10%		10	
Toilets, restrooms, storage etc		5%		5	
Plant equipment, maintenance		5%		5	
Additional service Areas					
Children's Storytelling Area		5-10%		10	
Young Adult Area		5-10%		10	
Specialist Genre Collection Area		5-10%		10	
Specialist Room, Local and Family History		10-15%		0	
Multi-Purpose, Training, AV Room		20-25%		25	
Bookshop, Coffee Shop		10-15%		15	
Toy Library		10-20%		20	
Community Services, Bank Services		5%		0	
Storage Area for Archival Materials/Conservation		5%		15	
Mobile Library Services Area		5%		5	
Central or Regional Work Area		5%		5	
Central or Regional Community Offices		5%		0	
Gallery				5	
Auditorium				10	
Community workshop				5	
Museum, historical area				10	
Multipurpose room				10	
Relative Area Factor (RAF)				355	
GROSS FLOOR AREA (Total Collection Factor x Relative Area Factor / 100)				3927	

Projected population served	sq m per 1,000	Local catchment	Local catchment non-resident workforce	Local catchment subtotal (including non-resident workforce)	Local area factor	Total LGA or regional population	Total LGA or regional non-resident workforce	Whole LGA subtotal (including non-resident workforce)	Central area factor	Circulation (20%)	Totals
fewer than 20,000	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20,001 to 35,000	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35,001 to 65,000	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65,001 to 100,000	31	55968	13200	69168	2144	0	0	0	0	429	2573
more than 100,000	28	0	0	0	0	84800	20000	104800	440	88	528
GROSS FLOOR AREA											3101

Local catchment populations, total local government area (LGA) populations or regional populations are the Australian Bureau of Statistics projections you entered on the Instructions worksheet

Non-resident workforce figures are the estimates which you provided on the Instructions worksheet.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR NEW MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY

Council has previously examined the possibility of raising funds to repay borrowings needed to establish the new Marrickville Library through a Special Rate Variation (SRV) of 6.72% pa. Following community feedback, a range of additional funding options have been explored.

Options are:

1. Seek a SRV of around 6.72% as originally proposed.
2. Seek a smaller SRV of around 4% by contributing additional funds to the project from a number of reserves.
3. Seek to extend the existing Aquatics Facility SRV beyond 2019/20 as an ongoing Community Infrastructure Levy and meet the funding shortfall until 2019/20.

The pros and cons of each option are briefly explored in the table below:

	Pros	Cons
Option 1	<p>Provides funding when it is required through loan raising which can be repaid from the rates income stream.</p> <p>Frees the proceeds of the balance of the hospital site to fund emerging needs identified in the Community Facilities and Recreation Needs Studies which will be required to respond to the changing demographics of the Marrickville community over the next decade.</p>	<p>Fails to respond to the feedback from a portion of the community who did not support and/or could not afford to pay additional rates to fund the Library.</p> <p>Potentially exposes Council to the risk of adverse movements in interest rates.</p> <p>Fails to recognise the availability of additional s94 funds that are available and can only be spent on this project.</p>
Option 2	<p>Provides funding when it is required through loan raising which can be repaid from the rates income stream.</p> <p>Frees the proceeds of the balance of the hospital site to fund emerging needs identified in the Community Facilities and Recreation Needs Studies which will be required to respond to the changing demographics of the Marrickville community over the next decade.</p>	<p>Fails to respond to the feedback from a portion of the community who did not support and/or could not afford to pay additional rates to fund the Library.</p> <p>Potentially exposes Council to the risk of adverse movements in interest rates.</p>
Option 3	<p>Responds to the feedback from a portion of the community who did not support and/or could not afford to pay additional rates to fund the Library.</p> <p>Does not increase rates above rate peg levels.</p> <p>Provides funding when it is required through loan raising which can be repaid from reserves or revenue initially and then from a rates income stream from 2019/20.</p>	<p>Requires Council to meet a funding shortfall of around \$1m annually between 2013/14 and when the Aquatic Facilities Levy expires in 2019/20.</p> <p>Potentially exposes Council to the risk of adverse movements in interest rates.</p>

	<p>Frees the proceeds from the balance of the hospital site to fund emerging needs identified in the Community Facilities and Recreation Needs Studies which will be required to respond to the changing demographics of the Marrickville community over the next decade.</p> <p>Provides the net present equivalent of \$1m annually from 2035/36 to be allocated to Community Infrastructure projects.</p>	
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While the use of proceeds from the balance of the Marrickville hospital site has been advanced as a funding option, it potentially exposes Council to the risk of delay if a Public/Private Partnership is utilised and to the inherent risks of these arrangements. If sale is the preferred approach, this would necessarily follow the new Marrickville Library development and would require interim funding arrangements in any case. If sale was to be immediate, there would be significant construction risk with two major developments occupying the site concurrently. There is a strong likelihood that the proceeds of sale of the balance of the site or any other arrangement (egg PPPs) would not generate sufficient funds to finance the library project. Significant additional funds would be required.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION



INTRODUCTION

This report has been assembled by BVN following the request by Marrickville Council for a review of potential primary open space locations within the Marrickville Hospital Site.

Using the Competition Brief as a starting point, this report is intended to:

- Provide a range of location options for primary open space on the Marrickville Hospital site.
- Review the positives and negatives of each option
- Provide recommendations on the basis of this review

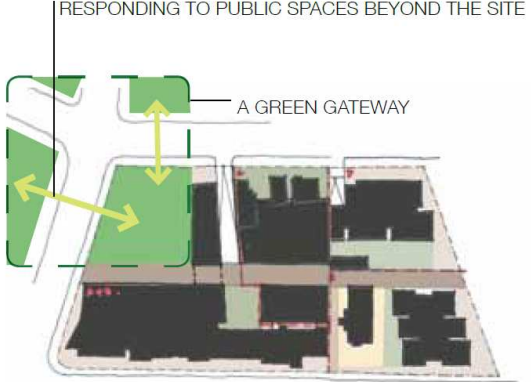


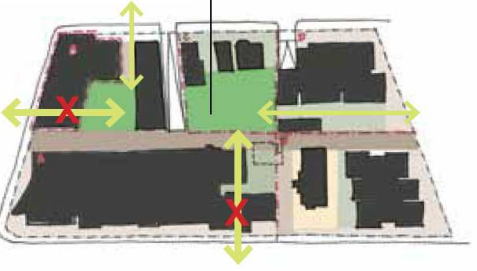


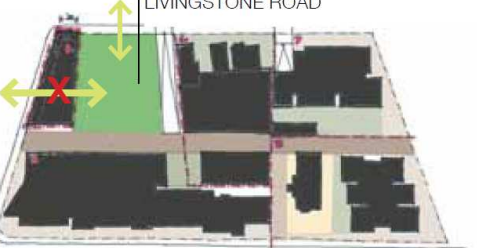
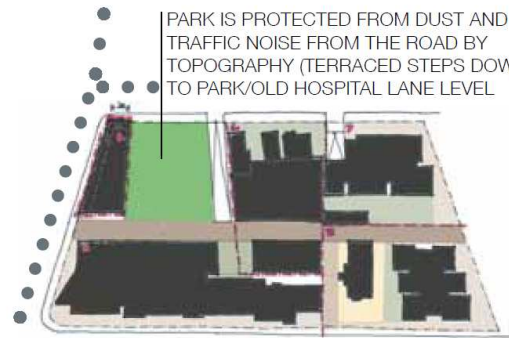
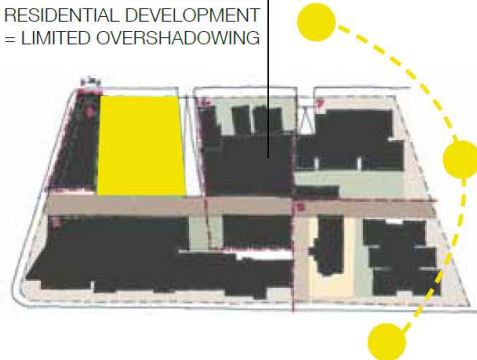
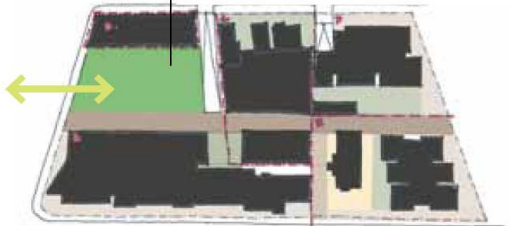
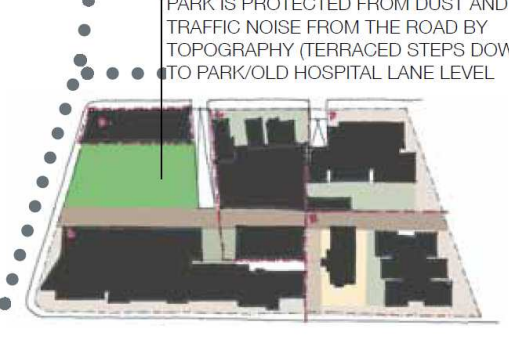

Following the announcement of the winning scheme for the new Marrickville Library, Marrickville Council made a series of resolutions intended to provide future guidance for the development of the scheme. One of these guidelines was for any future Marrickville Hospital site development to retain the same area of open space as provided in the BVN competition winning scheme. The options provided in this report match this area for *primary open space*. It should be noted that the Council resolution was not clear if the intention was to retain only the amount of the primary open space, or the total of all open spaces noted within the Marrickville Hospital Site. This report assumes the former.

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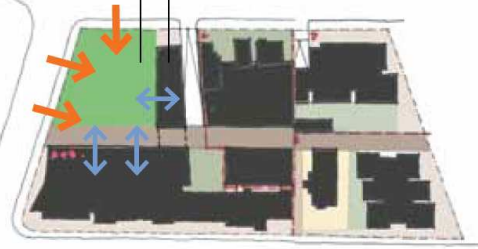


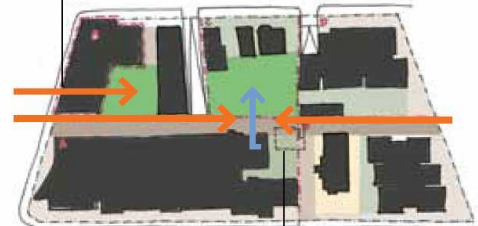
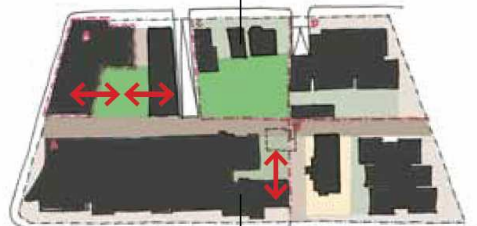
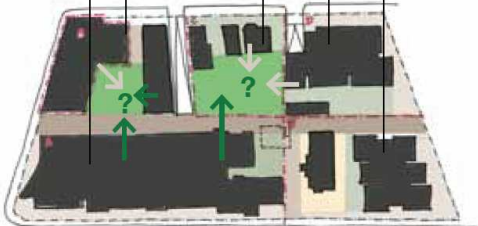
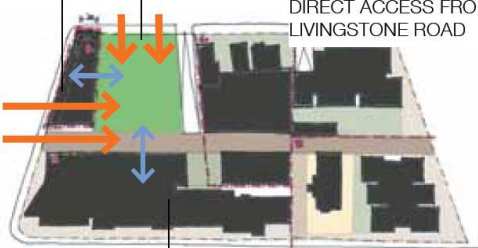
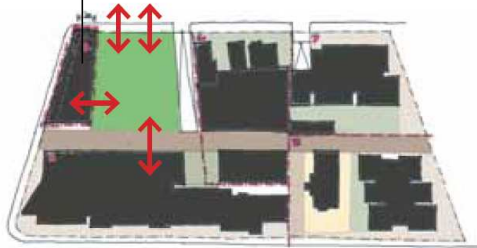

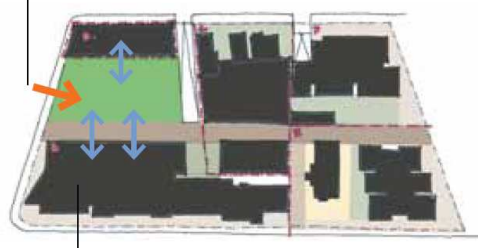
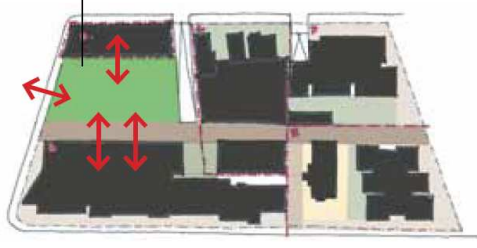
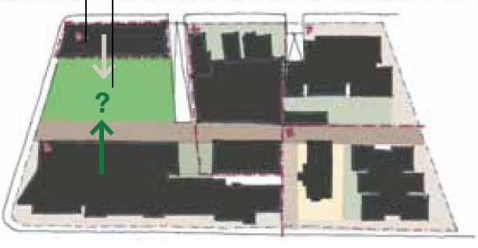
The following report assesses the positives and negatives of four options for the location of the primary open space within the Marrickville Hospital Site. Each option has been assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- Connection to surroundings
- Impact of traffic and noise
- Solar access
- Accessibility and visibility
- Security
- Ownership - Legibility as public space



	CONNECTION WITH SURROUNDINGS	TRAFFIC/NOISE	SUN
COMPETITION BRIEF	 <p>RESPONDING TO PUBLIC SPACES BEYOND THE SITE</p> <p>A GREEN GATEWAY</p>	 <p>PARK IS PROTECTED FROM DUST AND TRAFFIC NOISE FROM THE ROAD BY TOPOGRAPHY (TERRACED STEPS DOWN TO PARK/OLD HOSPITAL LANE LEVEL)</p>	 <p>2 STOREY PUBLIC USES BUILDING = LIMITED OVERSHADOWING</p> <p>SUN PATH</p>
OPEN SPACE OPTION A	 <p>PARK IS SECLUDED, NO CONNECTION WITH SURROUNDINGS/BEYOND THE SITE</p>	 <p>PARK IS PROTECTED FROM DUST AND TRAFFIC NOISE FROM THE ROAD BY ITS SURROUNDING BUILDINGS & LOCATION ON THE SITE</p>	 <p>9 STOREY RESIDENTIAL = SIGNIFICANT OVERSHADOWING</p> <p>4-9 STOREY RESIDENTIAL</p>
OPEN SPACE OPTION B	 <p>REDUCED CONNECTION WITH SURROUNDINGS/BEYOND THE SITE - RESPONDS ONLY TO PUBLIC SPACE ON LIVINGSTONE ROAD</p>	 <p>PARK IS PROTECTED FROM DUST AND TRAFFIC NOISE FROM THE ROAD BY TOPOGRAPHY (TERRACED STEPS DOWN TO PARK/OLD HOSPITAL LANE LEVEL)</p>	 <p>3 STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT = LIMITED OVERSHADOWING</p>
OPEN SPACE OPTION C	 <p>REDUCED CONNECTION WITH SURROUNDINGS/BEYOND THE SITE - RESPONDS ONLY TO PUBLIC SPACE ON MARRICKVILLE ROAD</p>	 <p>PARK IS PROTECTED FROM DUST AND TRAFFIC NOISE FROM THE ROAD BY TOPOGRAPHY (TERRACED STEPS DOWN TO PARK/OLD HOSPITAL LANE LEVEL)</p>	 <p>3 STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT = LIMITED OVERSHADOWING</p>

4.0 OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS

ACCESS & VISIBILITY	SECURITY	OWNERSHIP
<p>CORNER LOCATION = GOOD VISIBILITY & DIRECT ACCESS FROM MARRICKVILLE AND LIVINGSTONE ROAD</p> <p>DIRECT ACCESS FROM COMMUNITY WING AND LIBRARY TO PARK</p> 	<p>PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE OF PARK BY ADJACENT USES: COMMUNITY WING AND LIBRARY</p>  <p>GOOD PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE ALONG ALL PERIMETERS</p>	<p>ST BRIGIDS CHURCH = PUBLIC LAND & BUILDINGS</p> <p>MARRICKVILLE & LIVINGSTONE ROAD = MAIN PUBLIC ROAD</p> <p>COMMUNITY WING & LIBRARY = PUBLIC USES BUILDING</p>  <p>PARK IS SURROUNDED BY PUBLIC LAND AND BUILDINGS = STRONG SENSE OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP</p>
<p>COMMUNITY USES ON GROUND FLOOR MAY DRAW PEOPLE INTO THE PUBLIC PARK</p>  <p>REDUCED ACCESS & VISIBILITY FROM AND TO SURROUNDING STREETS</p>	<p>PRIVATE DWELLINGS BACK FACING THE PARK = POTENTIAL SECURITY RISK</p>  <p>SOME PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE</p>	<p>COMMUNITY WING & LIBRARY = PUBLIC USES BUILDING</p> <p>RESIDENTIAL</p>  <p>SEPARATION BETWEEN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE IS UNCLEAR. RESIDENTS MAY CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF MAIN PARK</p>
<p>ACCESS FROM MARRICKVILLE ROAD THROUGH COMMUNITY USES ON GROUND FLOOR OR VIA HOSPITAL LANE</p> <p>GOOD VISIBILITY & DIRECT ACCESS FROM LIVINGSTONE ROAD</p>  <p>DIRECT ACCESS FROM LIBRARY TO PARK</p>	<p>PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE OF PARK BY ADJACENT USES: COMMUNITY USES BUILDING AND LIBRARY, AND ALONG LIVINGSTONE ROAD PERIMETER</p> 	<p>RESIDENTIAL TOWER WITH COMMUNITY USES ON GROUND</p> <p>PARK IS SURROUNDED BY A MIX OF PUBLIC USES BUILDINGS AND RESIDENTIAL = CONFUSION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, RESIDENTS MAY CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF PARK</p> 
<p>GOOD VISIBILITY & DIRECT ACCESS FROM MARRICKVILLE ROAD</p>  <p>DIRECT ACCESS FROM COMMUNITY USES BUILDING (GROUND FLOOR) & LIBRARY TO PARK</p>	<p>PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE OF PARK BY ADJACENT USES: COMMUNITY USES BUILDING AND LIBRARY, AND ALONG MARRICKVILLE ROAD PERIMETER</p> 	<p>RESIDENTIAL TOWER WITH COMMUNITY USES ON GROUND</p> <p>PARK IS SURROUNDED BY A MIX OF PUBLIC USES BUILDINGS AND RESIDENTIAL = CONFUSION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, RESIDENTS MAY CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF PARK</p> 

OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS
The table opposite indicates 3 alternative schemes (options A,B and C) in addition to the original Competition Brief.
The table provides a comparison of the primary open space allocated to each scheme, based on the following aspects:

- Connection with surroundings
- Traffic/noise
- Sun
- Access & visibility
- Security
- Ownerships

How to read the table:

Column 1:
The first column illustrates the 4 different schemes:
Row 1: Competition Brief
Row 2: Open Space Option A
Row 3: Open Space Option B
Row 4: Open Space Option C

Column 2 - 7:
These 6 columns illustrates the comparison between the 4 schemes, each column focusing on each aspect listed above.

The following pages summarize each scheme's positives and negatives, and illustrate the different open spaces within each scheme.

4.1 OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS: COMPETITION BRIEF



POSITIVES

- Creates a 'Green Gateway'
- Good relationship to adjacent public land and buildings (library/ community facilities/nearby schools etc.)
- Good solar access
- Good visibility and access into and within the site
- Good passive surveillance
- Clearly a public space

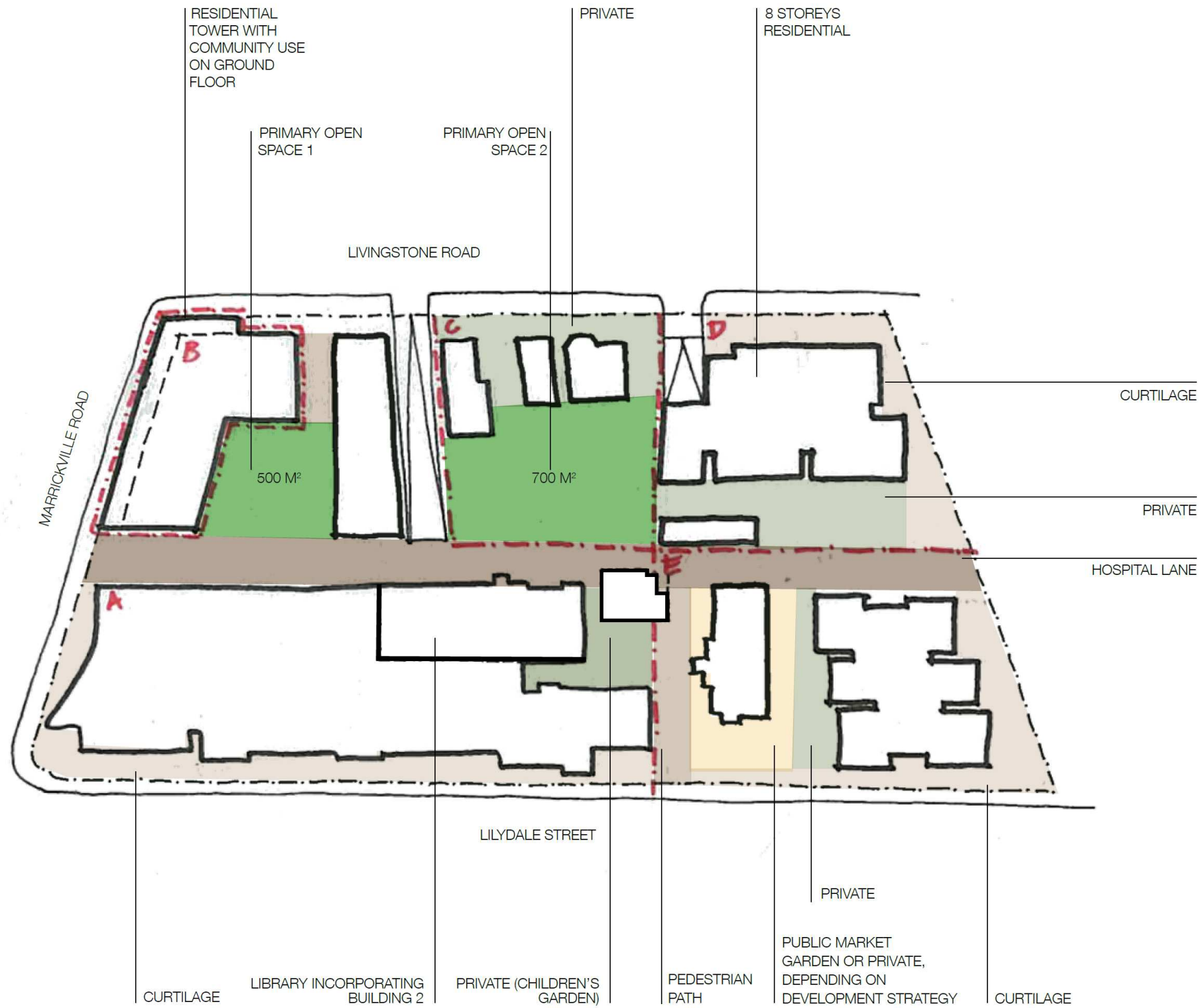
NEGATIVES

- Prevents full development on Precinct B
- Park is potentially overshadowed by development on Precinct C

AREA

Primary Open Space = 1200 m²

4.2 OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS: OPEN SPACE OPTION A



POSITIVES

- Good passive surveillance for Primary Open Space 1
- Buildings 2 and 3 are retained
- Residential tower on Precinct B provides good protection from dust and traffic noise
- Primary Open Space 1 creates a good relationship to adjacent public buildings (library/community facilities)

NEGATIVES

- Primary Open Space 2 is significantly overshadowed by 9 storey residential development on Precinct D
- Reduced access & visibility from and to surrounding streets
- Potential security risk for Primary Open Space 2
- Significant overlooking of public primary open space by private uses - reduces sense of public ownership
- Primary Open Space is split into two = less flexibility
- May require retention of building 2 and 3
- The portion activated by the new library is much smaller
- The building footprint as shown on Precinct B is in contravention of the current DCP

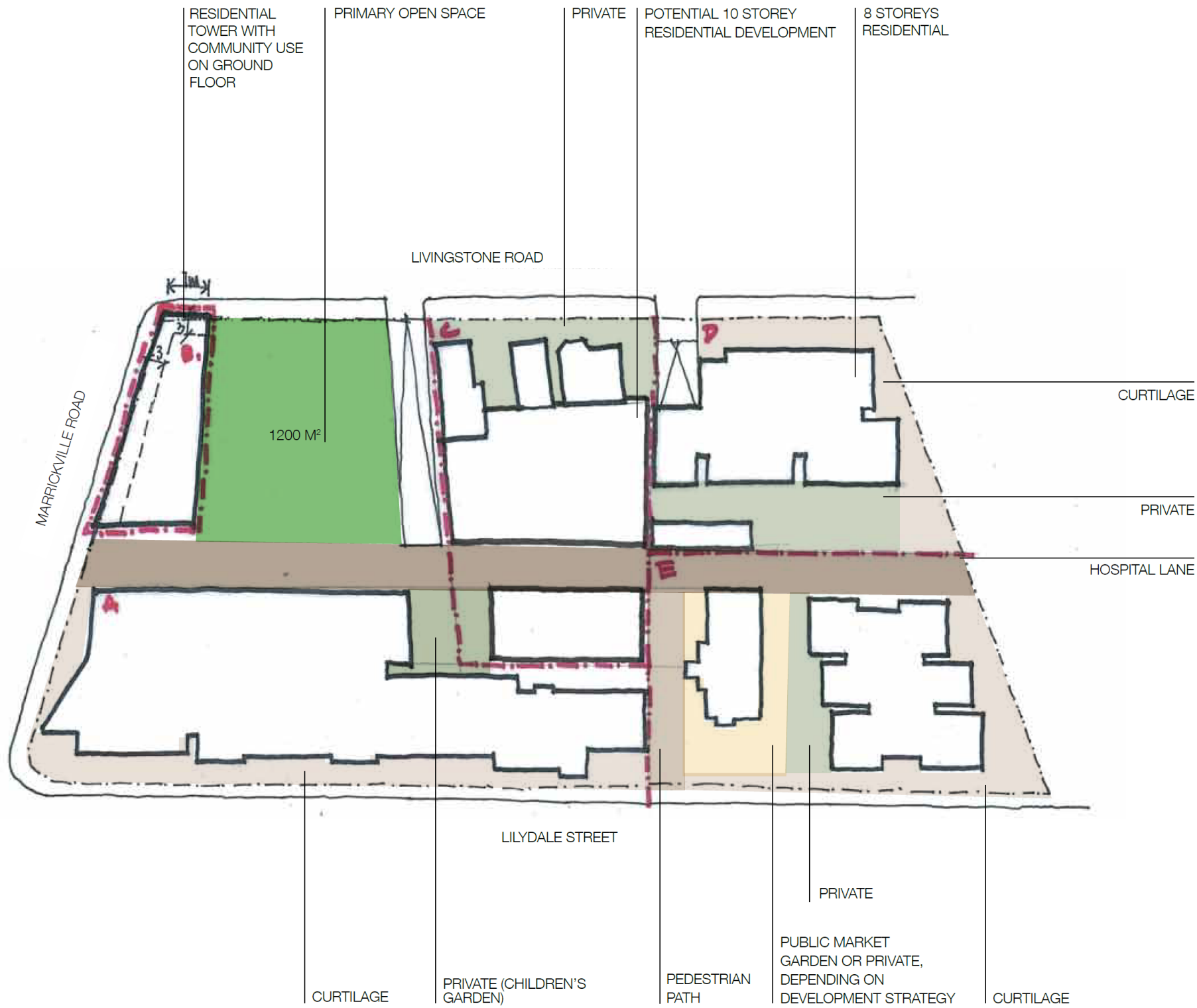
AREA

Primary Open Space = 1200 m²
(as per competition brief)

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4.3 OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS: OPEN SPACE OPTION B



POSITIVES

- Good relationship to Livingstone Road
- Reasonable visibility and access into and within the site
- Good visibility and access from the library
- Good passive surveillance
- Residential tower on precinct B provides good protection from dust and traffic noise from Marrickville Road

NEGATIVES

- No address and access from Marrickville Road
- Reduced connection with surroundings
- Significant overlooking of public primary open space by private uses - reduces sense of public ownership
- The building footprint as shown on Precinct B is in contravention of the current DCP

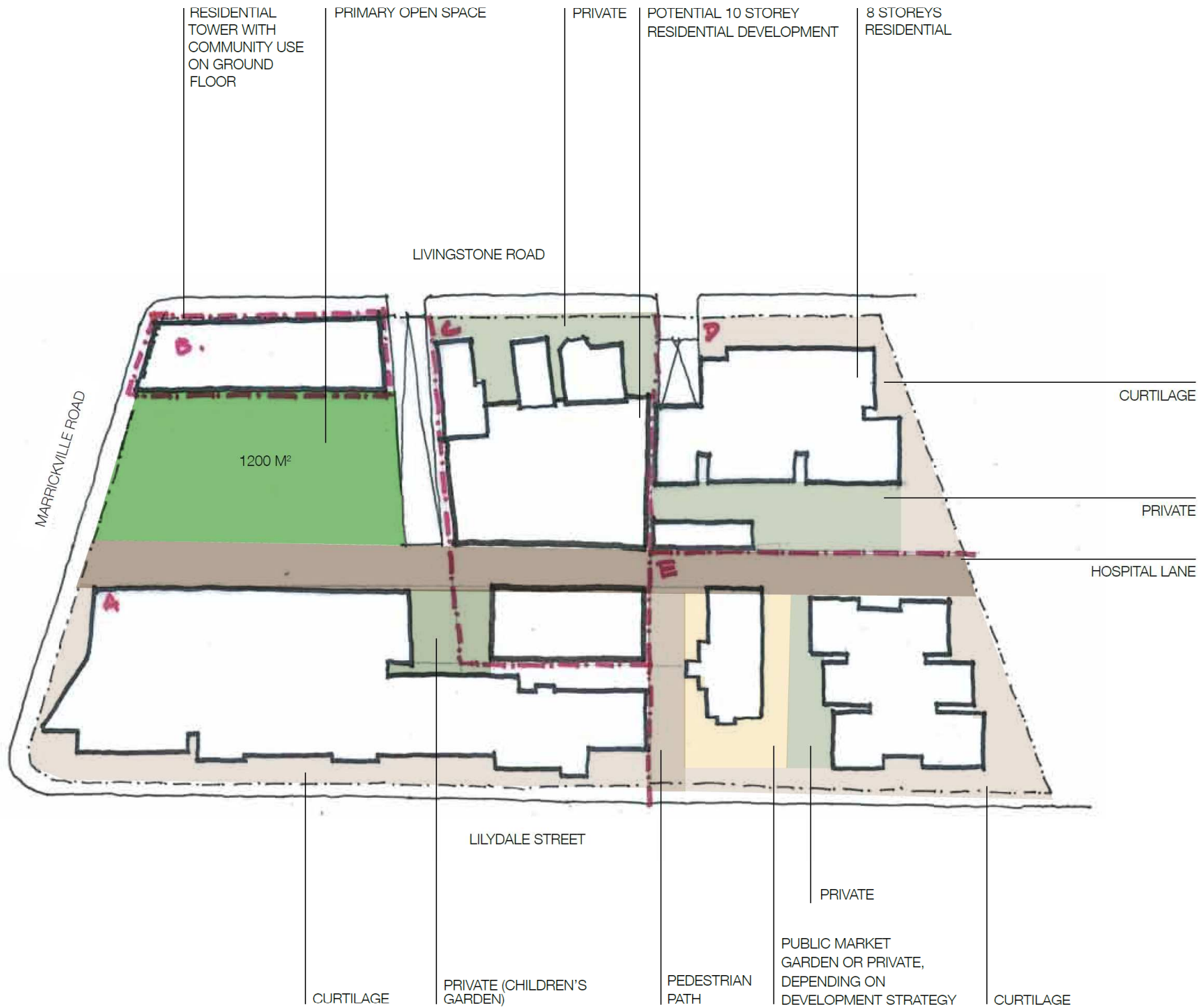
AREA

Primary Open Space = 1200 m²
(as per competition brief)

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4.4 OPEN SPACE ANALYSIS: OPEN SPACE OPTION C



POSITIVES

- Good relationship to adjacent public land and buildings on Marrickville Road
- Good relationship to adjacent public buildings (library/community facilities)
- Reasonable visibility and access into and within the site
- Good passive surveillance
- Residential tower on precinct B provides good protection from dust and traffic noise from Livingstone Road

NEGATIVES

- No address and access from Livingstone Road
- Significant overshadowing to West
- Significant overlooking of public primary open space by private uses - reduces sense of public ownership
- The building footprint as shown on Precinct B is in contravention of the current DCP

AREA

Primary Open Space = 1200 m²
(as per competition brief)



Item No: C1212(1) Item 3

Subject: NEW MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

File Ref: 3172/74528.12

Prepared By: William Blunt - Executive Manager, Major Projects

SYNOPSIS

From 15 November 2011 to May 2012, Council staff conducted community engagement relating to Phase 3 of the New Marrickville Library's Communication and Engagement Plan. Community consultation focused on the key question as to whether the community supports the application for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to build the New Marrickville Library.

An extensive program of activities were conducted to encourage public participation in the engagement process with a large number of people providing feedback.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council receives and notes the report; and
2. a copy of the report including appendices be included on Council's website.

BACKGROUND

Council has undertaken an extensive consultation process regarding the proposal to construct a new library at the Marrickville Hospital Site. The consultation process is set out in the New Marrickville Library's Communication and Engagement Plan. The consultation has been conducted in three phases as follows:

Phase 1 of the consultation related to the development of a Vision for the project and identification of the needs. The Vision and needs were reported to Council at its meeting of 19 July 2011. The report included a Draft Accommodation Schedule identifying the community's Vision for the library as a "community hub" requiring 3,893 square metres of gross floor area. The required floor area was independently supported by a specialist library consultant.

Council resolved at its meeting of 19 July 2011;

THAT; the Draft Accommodation Schedule be adopted for the purpose of developing concept designs and that further refinements be completed to be reported to Council in February 2012 [as a result of Phase 2 consultation processes].

Phase 2 related to the exhibition of the three design competition entries to enable the community to express their views on a preferred concept and to provide further feedback on what should be included in the project.

An extensive report on the feedback from the community was presented to Council at its meeting of 20 March 2012. A copy is included at **ATTACHMENT 2**.

The consultation included; 6,881 visits to the web site, 2,310 unique visits to the web site, 5,918 documents were downloaded, 16,434 page views, 354 surveys completed, a youth forum and consultation at "have a say" days and other community events.

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Key outcomes included;

- Support for the BVN concept design with 72% preferring the open space/forecourt, 53% preferring the external appearance, 50% preferring the environmental features and 52% preferring the heritage relationships.
- Overall, the community viewed the following features as being important (in descending order); natural ventilation and light, comfortable seating, environmentally sustainable design, café, gallery and exhibition spaces, open plan spaces, meeting rooms and study areas, bicycle parking, outdoor learning areas, car parking, auditorium, youth lounge, baby facilities.
- The community viewed the following services as being important (in descending order); internet and wifi, workshops and community education, community meeting spaces, art exhibitions, local history, magazines and newspapers, public art, author talks, study rooms, CDs and DVDs, audio and e books, large print books.

Council resolved at its meeting of 20 March 2012;

THAT; Council notes the report and the proposed next steps in relation to Phase 3 of the consultation process.

Phase 3 relates to the proposed funding for the project via a Special Rate Variation (SRV) and is the subject of the remainder of this report.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REGARDING THE SRV – PHASE 3

The Phase 3 consultation for the Special Rate Variation was conducted in two processes as follows;

Process 1

This process commenced in November 2011 and concluded at the end of February 2012 and included self-completion surveys issued via Marrickville Matters and the Rates Notice, face to face consultations at various events, online feedback pages, direct feedback (emails, phone calls, petitions etc) and a media and communications campaign.

Process 2

This process commenced in April and was completed by May 2012 and involved a randomised telephone poll of 600 residents. The poll was conducted and analysed by Taverner Research.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Process 1

All results were compiled and analysed by an independent consultant - Straight Talk. In response to the key question in the self-completion survey (i.e. whether or not the respondent thought it was acceptable to increase rates in order to build the new library) responses showed:

- A minority (29%) thought that it was acceptable to increase rates
- 11% thought that it might be acceptable to increase rates
- A majority (60%) did not think it was acceptable to increase rates.

When asked about their ability to pay for the rate increase, the results from the surveys showed that:

- A minority (24%) thought that they would have no problem or not notice the increase in rates
- A small number of respondents (6%) were unsure of the impact an increase in rates and their ability to pay
- 41% of respondents thought they would have some difficulty paying an increase in rates
- 29% indicated they would have extreme difficulty in paying an increase in rates for the new library.

Process 2

The randomized telephone poll was conducted and analysed by Taverner Research. The poll surveyed 600 people from the LGA and provided a 95% confidence level in the validity of the results. The [profile of the 600 people matched the age and demographics of the Marrickville LGA.

The key results include:

On the key question regarding support for the proposal (unweighted results) show that:

- A majority (63%) thought it was acceptable to increase rates
- A minority (30%) did not think it was acceptable to increase rates
- 7% were unsure whether it might be acceptable to increase rates.

When asked about their ability to pay for the rate increase, the results showed that:

- A majority (57%) thought that they would have no problem or not notice the increase in rates
- A small number of respondents (2%) were unsure of the impact of an increase in rates and their ability to pay
- Just over a third of respondents (34%) thought they would have extreme difficulty or some difficulty in paying an increase in rates.

The results from both Processes 1 and 2 were then analysed by Straight Talk. A copy of their report is included as **ATTACHMENT 1**. The overall result from the consultation identifies the following views;

- The current library is inadequate
- There is community support for a new library with community facilities and public open spaces
- There is concern about how it should be funded.
- The point of difference between the self-selection surveys (Process 1) and the telephone poll (Process 2) in terms of accepting or rejecting the proposal, may be a result of selection bias.
- Analysis showed that the only main point of difference between those who accepted or opposed a SRV was ability to pay, or perceived ability to pay. There were no other obvious defining factors influencing their decision (e.g. age, level of satisfaction with Council infrastructure and services, prior knowledge of the proposal etc).

Qualitative data was also collected and key themes analysed.

Those supporting the SRV proposal indicated:

- That upgraded facilities were needed or good for the community

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- The proposal was not too expensive
- The funds had to come from somewhere.

Those who were opposed said that:

- The proposed new building was too expensive and spending should go to one or other of a range of other purposes
- A new library was not needed (existing facilities were adequate)
- It would be hard to afford the increase on a pension or for businesses.

CONCLUSION

The consultation process so far (Phases 1 to 3), identifies the following;

- The current library is inadequate
- The community has expressed a Vision for a “community hub” concept incorporating traditional and emerging library services in addition to the provision of community facilities
- There was preferred support for the concept incorporating open space and the use of the heritage building – the BVN scheme
- A majority of self completed surveys were opposed to an SRV that increased rates
- A majority of the randomized telephone poll surveys supported an SRV that increased rates
- There was an expressed view of hardship to pay an SRV that increased rates beyond the rate peg.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

Due to the sensitivity of this consultation and the need to maintain independence with regard to the analysis and reporting, there has been no participation by staff in the analysis and reporting process.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This report discusses the community consultation undertaken via the Phase 3 process in accordance with the adopted New Marrickville Library’s Communication and Engagement Plan.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. Council receives and notes the report; and
2. a copy of the report including appendices be included on Council's website.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Analysis Report of Phase 3 Consultation regarding a Special Rate Variation
2. C0312(2) Item 8 Report of Phase 2 Community Consultation in Relation to the New Marrickville Library Concept Designs - 20 March 2012 (circulated as a separate document)

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Analysis report to Marrickville Council, September 2012

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1 Introduction

This analysis report has been prepared by Straight Talk to provide an independent summary and analysis of the outcomes of consultation activities undertaken by Marrickville Council to gauge community support for a special rate variation (SRV) to fund the proposed new Marrickville Library Project.

This report is supported by, and should be read in conjunction with:

- 1 **Appendix A** – Special Rate Variation to fund the Marrickville Library Project – consultation outcomes report to Marrickville Council (Straight Talk, October 2012)
- 2 **Appendix B** - Final Report on Telephone Survey on Special Rate Variation to Fund the New Marrickville Library (Taverner Research, May 2012).

Project background

Marrickville's existing central library is cramped and un-inviting and cannot be upgraded or expanded to meet the needs of its growing community and deliver all the services and benefits of a modern day library.

Marrickville Council is publicly committed to building a new library on the old Marrickville Hospital site on the corner of Marrickville and Livingstone Roads. In 2011, Council began a comprehensive community consultation process to develop plans for its proposed new library project.

Consultation process overview

A detailed description of the overall consultation process is included in **Appendix A** (Straight Talk Report). A brief summary of the process is provided below:

- Phase I – developing an Accommodation Schedule and Vision for the library project
- Phase II – selecting a preferred concept design
- Phase III – gauging community support for funding the new library through a SRV (the subject of this report).

The consultation and communication tools for Phase III included:

- A self-completion survey distributed via Council's community newsletter Marrickville Matters, (distributed to all households) and available online at www.yoursaymarrickville.com.au
- A self-completion survey and fact sheet mailed to all ratepayers
- A random telephone survey undertaken by Taverner Research
- Online forum
- Face-to-face consultation - 'Have A Say' stalls at community events
- Direct feedback
- Media and publicity campaign.

2 Issues around the consultation

Survey results need to be considered in context with specific regard given to the advantages and disadvantages attributed to different types of survey methods. Self-completion household surveys alone can lead to biased results¹ and so an additional randomised telephone poll was conducted in conjunction with a widely distributed household survey.

During the course of Phase III of the consultation, a number of issues arose that are described here to provide some context to the summary and analysis of results provided in Chapter 3 and 4 of this report.

Selection bias

Over 4,000 people responded to the Marrickville Matters and ratepayers' mail surveys, which is a strong response rate of around 6.5%. Council has indicated it is the largest response to a survey that it has undertaken.

Return of mail surveys is self selective - people choose whether or not to complete and return surveys. Selection bias occurs where individuals who are passionate about an issue, and have the time, are more likely to respond to a survey. The opinions of those who do not respond (non-respondents) are less likely to be captured in the survey results leading to a bias towards respondents and away from non-respondents. Non-response bias occurs when survey respondents differ in meaningful ways from non-respondents.

Sampling error due to non-response can create a potential source of bias in self-completion mail surveys^{2,3}. Random sampling, such as that done for phone surveys, helps to produce more representative samples, but people can still refuse to answer phone surveys and hence non-response bias is still an issue for phone surveys, albeit less so than for mail surveys where selection bias is more problematic.

The Marrickville Matters and ratepayers' mail surveys did not include questions to track the demographic or a detailed geographic profile of respondents. As such it is not possible to comment on the demographic or geographic representativeness of the mail survey sample. It can be assumed that people who took the time to respond did so because they had a strong opinion on the library proposal and/or the associated potential rate rise. While non-response bias will have impacted the results of the mail survey, it is not possible to comment on how attitudinally representative the sample was. Given that more people took the time to respond than any other survey from Council it can be assumed that the survey raised important local issues and that the results reflect a significant subset of community values and therefore need to be carefully considered by Council.

1 Heckman, J. J. 1979. Sample Selection Bias as a Specification Error. *Econometrica*, 47: 1. pp. 153-161.

2 Whitehead, J. C. 1991. Environmental Interest Group Behavior and Self-Selection Bias in Contingent Valuation Mail Surveys. *Growth and Change*, 22:1. pp. 10-20.

3 Suchman, E. 1962. An Analysis of 'Bias' in Survey Research. *The Public Opinion Quarterly*. 26: 1. pp. 102-111.

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To mitigate selection bias, self-completion household mail surveys were conducted in conjunction with a randomised telephone poll. Telephone surveys can provide more random and accurate results because samples are less selective and can be screened to be more representative. For example, Taverner used screening procedures to minimise over representation of female respondents and older respondents.

However, as with all 'raw' opinion polls, some research indicates that when approached at random phone survey respondents can reply 'in the moment' and give rapid or ill-considered answers to questions. Without the benefit of time and information, people can give top-of-mind opinions that can be misleading if taken to be representative of wider community views⁴. If people have access to balanced information and time to understand it they can provide more considered responses to survey questions.

Some 63%⁵ of people who participated in the random phone survey indicated they were aware of the library proposal, as were 75% of the Marrickville Matters survey respondents and 52% of the rate payer respondents. However, the survey results indicate that whether respondents were giving a first reaction or had considered the rate increase previously and had a clear position – made no substantive difference to rates of support or opposition to the proposed SRV. This may reflect the fact that even with information contained in Marrickville Matters and the fact sheet sent with rate notices that many people had a fixed view about the proposed SRV and /or perhaps did not fully understand the scope or cost components of the project. Conversely, people who completed surveys at a face-to-face consultation event had access to additional information and were able to ask specific questions about the proposal before completing the survey. These survey results indicate strong support for the SRV proposal.

While self-completion mail surveys often have a lower and less random level of response than phone surveys some research indicates that respondents are under less time pressure and can check information, discuss issues with friends and family and give thoughtful reply to questions before responding⁶. The major disadvantages associated with mail surveys are thought to include low response rates and problems with non-response bias⁷. Given the high response rate to the Marrickville Matters and rate payers' survey, response rate was not an issue for the project. However, it is likely that selection bias will exist and that respondents, while having more time than phone survey respondents to give considered responses, may differ in meaningful ways from non-respondents.

Communication

It can be seen from the responses to the self-completion surveys and other feedback received by Council that a number of project key messages were not well understood by the community.

This was particularly relevant for the scope of the project. Based on the survey responses it seemed that many people viewed the project as being just a library; when in actual fact the

⁴ Fishkin, J. and Rosell, ST. 2004. Choice Dialogues and Deliberative Polls: Two Approaches to Deliberative Democracy. *National Civic Review*. Winter. pp. 55-63.

⁵ Taverner Report, p. 24.

⁶ Kanuk, L. and Berenson, C. 1975. Mail Surveys and Response Rates: A Literature Review. *Journal of Marketing Research*. 12, 4. pp. 440-453.

⁷ Kanuk, L. et al.

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project is far more than a library and includes new community facilities and public open space to form a multi-use community hub.

Related to this misunderstanding of the project scope was confusion over project costs. Survey responses showed there was not a good understanding of the cost breakdown and the costs of the different components of the library project.

Council will need to review and amend its communications on the library project for any future consultation.

Survey questions

There was some criticism of questions in the Marrickville Matters survey that indicated that some questions were poorly understood or potentially misleading. Council responded swiftly and appropriately by modifying the next iteration of the survey to issue with rate notices to improve the clarity of the questions.

Media coverage

The project attracted significant media attention during Phase III. Public debate, particularly in the media, can play a role in influencing opinions, particularly when it involves disparate views from councillors. The large response rate of the self-completion survey, in particular, should be viewed within this context, as it indicates both a high degree of motivation and, potentially, a source for that motivation.

Online engagement

A point of interest for this project is the level of online engagement that the project attracted. In the earlier phases of consultation, online engagement was active and vibrant, with discussion and ideas about design and potential facilities in the new library. In this third phase, while a significant number of surveys were completed, discussion was minimal – well under 100 comments, from mostly seven or eight respondents.

Online engagement has proven to have a number of benefits for participants – its accessibility, the range of information and background it can provide and the opportunities for discourse and discussion.

It is also proving to be an excellent ‘barometer’ of the level of interest a project has across a community.

In Straight Talk’s experience, online forums will reflect a higher number of visits and comments when an issue is contested and controversial - it is not unusual for a contentious project to attract between 7,000 and 12,000 comments, for example.

This third phase of consultation attracted approximately 2,000 visits but a very small number of comments and, in Straight Talk’s opinion, this indicates that the issue of the proposed SRV across the community is not as controversial or divisive as the number of surveys alone may suggest.

Accordingly, Council must balance the feedback on the proposed SRV against this low level of online engagement, the split in the survey results and the high level of support from face-to-face activities when determining how to take direction from community feedback.

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3 Consultation outcomes

This section of the report provides an overview of the outcomes from the different consultation activities. A discussion of the similarities and differences between the outcomes is provided in Chapter 4 of this report.

Self-completion survey (Marrickville Matters, ratepayers' and online)⁸

In March 2012 a self-completion mail survey was issued to all households via Marrickville Matters with project summary information and artists impressions of the proposed new library. Similarly a self-completion survey was posted to all ratepayers with a reply paid envelope and fact sheet.

Over 4,000 responses to the self-completion survey were received. This level of response is the largest response to a survey that Council has undertaken and indicates that there are a large number of people who are interested in the library project or have something to say about potential rate rises.

Response to the SRV proposal

Responses to the key question in the self-completion survey (i.e. whether or not the respondent thought it was acceptable to increase rates in order to build the new library) showed that:

- A significant minority (29%) thought that it was acceptable to increase rates
- 11% thought that it might be acceptable to increase rates
- A clear majority (60%) did not think it was acceptable to increase rates.

When asked about their ability to pay for the rate increase, the results showed that:

- A significant minority (24%) thought that they would have no problem or not notice the increase in rates
- A small number of respondents (6%) were unsure of the impact an increase in rates and their ability to pay
- 41% of respondents thought they would have some difficulty paying an increase in rates
- 29% indicated they would have extreme difficulty in paying an increase in rates for the new library.

⁸ For the purposes of this report, the responses from each form of the self-completion survey have been combined unless specified.

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Characteristics of acceptance and opposition of the SRV

A cross-analysis of the results from the self-completion surveys allows the following picture to be drawn of those people who accept, did not accept and might accept the proposed SRV.

Accept SRV	Oppose SRV	Might support SRV
Have lived in local area for more than 10years 51%	Have lived in local area for more than 10years 60%	Have lived in local area for more than 10years 54%
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure 56%	Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure 42%	Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure 42%
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council services 78%	Satisfied or very satisfied with Council services 47%	Satisfied or very satisfied with Council services 60%
Not aware that ageing infrastructure is a major community issue 65%	Not aware that ageing infrastructure is a major community issue 62%	Not aware that ageing infrastructure is a major community issue 67%
Were aware of the library project 68%	Were aware of the library project 55%	Were aware of the library project 56%
Had not provided feedback about library project 86%	Had not provided feedback about library project 89%	Had not provided feedback about library project 92%
Would have no problem or not notice paying for an increase in rates 62% Would have some or extreme difficulty 31%	Would have some or extreme difficulty paying for an increase in rates 89%	Would have some or extreme difficulty paying an increase in rates 64%

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Comments on the proposal

Qualitative data was also collected on the SRV proposal and other aspects of Council services and infrastructure delivery.

Key themes relating specifically to support for the SRV proposal can be summarised as:

- Support for the SRV– i.e. support for the library and that Council should be able to increase rates to pay for the new library.

Key themes relating to the opposition of the SRV proposal were:

- Unacceptability of raising rates – i.e. no support for a rate rise
- Affordability – i.e. additional rate rises could not be afforded and would particularly hurt pensioners and businesses
- Too big – i.e. concept designs were too big and alternative funding options to build the library needed to be considered or cheaper design options explored
- Infrastructure priorities – i.e. upgrading and maintaining existing infrastructure in particular roads and footpaths should be Council's priority.

Random telephone survey

A random telephone sample of 600 adults was undertaken by Taverner Research in May 2012. The random selection process was designed to obtain a sample that matched the target population age by gender distribution as closely as possible. Data was further weighted where appropriate to bring the sample into line with the population distribution.

The telephone survey questions were modified from the self-completion survey questions. The modifications included providing more contextual information for each question and additional questions about:

- Level of awareness of the library project and the SRV proposal
- Views on trade-offs between increases in rates to fund upgrades and improvements in facilities and services
- Demographic and geographic characteristics.

For the purposes of this report, Straight Talk has used the unweighted data from the telephone survey results. This enables clear comparison with the data from the self-completion surveys that did not collect demographic data. It should be noted that weighted data from the telephone survey indicates a slightly increased level of support for the SRV proposal (66% support as opposed to 63% support for unweighted data).

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Response to the SRV proposal

Unweighted results from the random telephone survey on the key question regarding support for the proposal show that:

- A clear majority (63%) thought it was acceptable to increase rates
- A substantial minority (30%) did not think it was acceptable to increase rates
- 7% were unsure whether it might be acceptable to increase rates.

When asked about their ability to pay for the rate increase, the results showed that:

- A majority (57%) thought that they would have no problem or not notice the increase in rates
- A small number of respondents (2%) were unsure were unsure of the impact an increase in rates and their ability to pay
- Just over a third of respondents (34%) thought they would have extreme difficulty or some difficulty in paying an increase in rates.

Characteristics of acceptance and opposition of the SRV

Based on Straight Talk's analysis of the telephone survey data provided by Council, the characteristics of those who accept and oppose the proposed SRV are illustrated in the diagram over page.

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Accept	Oppose
Have lived in Marrickville for more than 10 years 24%	Have lived in Marrickville for more than 10 years 35%
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure 61%	Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure 47%
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council services 81%	Were satisfied or very satisfied with Council services 54%
Were aware of the library project 61%	Were aware of the library project 66%
Had not provided feedback about library project 47%	Had not provided feedback about library project 40% Had done the self-completed survey 18%
Support trade-off to pay higher rates for improved facilities 86%	Do not support trade-off to pay higher rates for improved facilities 53%
Would have no problem or would not notice an increase in rates 75% Would have some or extreme difficulty 18%	Would have some or extreme difficulty paying an increase in rates 71%
Were not aware of the rate increase proposal 58%	Were aged 60 years or more 40%

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Reasons for accepting or opposing the proposal

Taverner noted⁹ that when asked for the reasons for either supporting or opposing the SRV proposal, key issues to arise for those in favour of the proposal were:

- That upgraded facilities were needed or good for the community
- The proposal was not too expensive
- The funds had to come from somewhere.

Those who were opposed said that:

- The proposed new building was a waste of money or too expensive
- A new library was not needed (existing facilities were adequate)
- Spending should go to one or other of a range of other purposes
- It would be hard to afford the increase on a pension or for businesses.

Taverner noted that “opinions about the financial impact and the capital sum involved were a crucial dividing point driving acceptance (those who considered the cost was not too high) or opposition (those who considered the cost excessive).”¹⁰

It was also clear from the Taverner report that among those respondents who were aware of the proposal and opposed it were more likely to have had already provided feedback to Council.¹¹

Face-to-face consultation

Face-to-face consultation consisted of four ‘Have A Say’ stalls at different Marrickville Council or community events between January and March 2012. Approximately 500 residents attended the stalls and asked questions about the proposal, or took away fact sheets (in total seven fact sheets about different aspects of the proposal were produced and were available at the stalls, at the four library branches and at Council’s administration building).

The stalls featured information on the library proposal and were attended by Marrickville Council staff members who were able to respond to questions and provide information to residents who visited the stalls.

Surveys were completed by a number of people at these events, although the survey records were only kept separate for the Australia Day Festival. Analysis of the other completed surveys was included in the analysis of the other self-completion surveys.

Anecdotal evidence from Council staff attending the events suggests that the majority of residents were supportive of the SRV proposal to fund the new library, particularly after questions or concerns were answered. The major concerns being parking in and around the facility, what features were included in the new building and potential impacts on local businesses. The results from the 21 surveys collected at the Australia Day Festival showed that:

⁹ Ibid, p. 46

¹⁰ Taverner Report, p. 22

¹¹ Ibid, p. 22

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- A clear majority of people (80%) thought it was acceptable to increase rates to build the new library
- A significant minority (10%) said an increase in rates would cause extreme difficulties.

Council staff actively encouraged both residents in favour and opposed to the proposed SRV to complete surveys. The results from face-to-face events would seem to indicate that when residents could ask questions about the new library and have their concerns listened to, or detail of the project explained, most residents were satisfied that the increase in rates was acceptable (given the complexity of the project). This accords with other findings that suggest that people who read information supplied through Marrickville Matters had not fully understood the scope of the project, or the break down in costs, and may have formed a view on the proposed SRV without fully understanding the project.

Direct feedback

Council received direct feedback from the community in a number of ways:

- A petition, containing 1,779 signatures, that supported the new library but opposed the SRV proposal:
 - > 1,579 signatories were from Marrickville LGA (Camperdown, Dulwich Hill, Lewisham, Marrickville and Enmore)
 - > There were no signatories from Tempe, Sydenham, St Peters, Stanmore
 - > 11% (197) signatories lived outside the council area and were not rate payers
 - > Where addresses had been supplied just over 100 (6%) were people who had expressed opposition in one or more ways (Marrickville Matters survey, rates survey and/or petition)
- A website and online forum which received just over 2,000 hits between February and May 2012
 - > There were a total of 85 comments (provided mostly by seven or eight individuals) in response to two questions
 - > The question that related specifically to the SRV received a total of 25 comments.
 - > Key themes arising from the question relating to the SRV were:
 - Little support for the rate increase
 - Need to consider alternative funding
- Direct feedback via email or telephone calls (a total of 26 contacts): the Communication and Engagement Coordinator's direct contact details were supplied on all promotional and communications materials.
 - > Around 50% (13 people) did not support the SRV proposal or felt that the proposed library was too big, or too expensive and that alternative funding options should be explored
 - > Around 20% (five people) supported the new library but not the SRV proposal
 - > Around 20% (five people) supported the SRV proposal without changes.

4 Comparison between acceptance and opposition

Not discounting the potential impact of bias, in order to draw an understanding of the survey results it is important to note the differences and similarities between those people who accept the proposed SRV and those people who oppose it.

Analysis of the key results from both the self-completion survey and the telephone survey show that ability to pay (or perceived ability to pay) is a key point of difference for both acceptance and opposition to the proposal.

Length of residence

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Lived in Marrickville for more than 10 years	51%	24%	60%	35%

This analysis shows that for the self-completion survey over half of the residents who either supported or opposed the SRV proposal were long-term Marrickville residents. The proportion was lower in the telephone survey as a random sample should have ensured a balance between residents who have lived in the area for different periods of time.

These results indicate that the length of time respondents had lived in the area did not substantially impact their views on the proposed SRV. Large numbers of long term residents both supported and opposed the proposal.

Satisfaction with Council buildings

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings / infrastructure	56%	61%	42%	47%
Neutral/unsure	30%	30%	36%	33%
Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	12%	8%	20%	18%

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These results show that those people who supported the proposed SRV generally have a higher level of satisfaction with Council buildings and infrastructure than people who opposed the proposal. However, the majority of respondents who both supported or opposed the proposed SRV are satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure.

Satisfaction with Council services

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council services	78%	81%	47%	54%
Neutral/unsure	16%	14%	27%	24%
Dissatisfied or very dissatisfied	5%	5%	24%	21%

These results show that the majority of respondents who both supported or opposed the proposed SRV are satisfied with Council services. However, rates of satisfaction with service delivery are significantly higher amongst people who supported the proposed SRV compared against those who opposed it.

The results show that people who oppose the proposed SRV have a significantly higher level of dissatisfaction or uncertainty about the standard of Council service delivery than people who support the proposed SRV.

Awareness of ageing infrastructure

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Yes aware	29%	19%	22%	22%
Not aware	65%	80%	62%	73%
Don't know	4%	0.5%	13%	3%

These results show that there is not a high level of awareness of ageing infrastructure across all respondents and that awareness of the need for infrastructure investment does not appear to significantly impact levels of support for the proposed SRV.

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Awareness of library project

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Not aware	30%	39%	39%	34%
Yes aware	68%	61%	55%	66%
If aware, paid very little attention ¹²	N/A	18%	N/A	22%
If aware, paid some attention ¹³	N/A	36%	N/A	30%
If aware, paid a lot of attention ¹⁴	N/A	7%	N/A	14%

Comparing the awareness of the library project between those who accepted and opposed the proposed SRV shows that:

- Overall the majority of respondents were aware of the library project
- Awareness of the project does not necessarily have a significant bearing on whether a person will accept or oppose the proposed SRV.

Level of prior involvement

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Have not provided feedback	86%	47%	89%	40%
Have provided extensive feedback	2%	2%	1%	2%
Had completed the self-completed survey	N/A	9%	N/A	18%
Provided some feedback	10%	3%	8%	4%

¹² Response option not provided in self-completed survey

¹³ Ibid

¹⁴ Ibid

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These results show that:

- Respondents who opposed the proposed SRV in the telephone survey were more likely to have had completed the self-completion survey than those who supported it
- A majority of respondents had not provided any feedback on the library irrespective of whether they supported or opposed the proposed SRV
- Only a very small minority of respondents had provided 'extensive' feedback to Council.

It should also be noted that Council received a petition of around 1,800 signatures that in short, supported the new library project but not the proposed SRV. Council analysis estimates that around 6% of the petitioners had also returned a self-completed survey.

It is possible to say therefore that there have been a small proportion of multiple responses, particularly amongst those who opposed the SRV proposal. On the whole it does not appear this is a significant issue and may indicate that there are a number of people in the Marrickville area who feel strongly on this issue and have taken advantage of the opportunities Council has provided to have their say and voice their opposition to the proposed SRV.

Ability to pay

	ACCEPT SRV		OPPOSE SRV	
	Self-completed survey	Telephone	Self-completed survey	Telephone
Extreme difficulty	3%	1%	45%	20%
Some difficulty	28%	17%	44%	51%
Not sure	6%	2%	5%	3%
No problem	51%	51%	5%	15%
Would not notice	11%	24%	1%	6%

These results clearly demonstrate that a point of divergence between those who accepted and those who opposed the proposed SRV is the ability to pay.

There was a strong difference in responses between the telephone and self-completion surveys regarding 'extreme difficulty' in paying, and opposition to the proposed SRV. This difference may support the assertion of selection bias amongst self-completion survey respondents.

5 Conclusions

Since 2011, Marrickville Council has undertaken extensive investigations and a comprehensive consultation process on the proposed new library project. Thus far, a number of areas of consensus have been identified:

- The current library is inadequate
- There is community support for a new library with community facilities and public open spaces.

There was general support for a new library in principle, but concern about how it could be funded. The decision now for Council is to consider how to fund the design and construction of a new library while remaining a financially sustainable and responsive organisation.

The potential influence of bias, particularly selection bias, needs to be considered when analysing and interpreting the survey results. The results from the 'Have A Say' stalls, while indicating strong majority support, only reflect the views from a small sample. However, they may indicate that levels of support for the proposed SRV would increase if people were given further opportunities to access and understand project information and discuss it in detail with Council. The results of the self-completion and phone surveys, while reflecting the views of a larger statistically significant sample, may be subject to some bias and therefore need to be considered in context. The results of the self-completion survey specifically may over represent those opposed to the SRV proposal based on actual or perceived ability to pay an increase in rates.

Notwithstanding the potential impact of bias, on the face of it, results from the two surveys that collected data from a large sample (i.e. the self-completion and telephone surveys) to gauge the level of support for the proposed SRV show seemingly opposite positions.

	Telephone survey	Self-completed survey
Accept SRV	63%	29%
Oppose SRV	30%	61%
Might accept SRV	7%	10%

On closer analysis, however, the characteristics of those who supported and opposed the SRV were similar across both surveys on some of the key qualitative variables as indicated in the table below.

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Characteristic	Support SRV			Oppose SRV		
	Self completed surveys	Phone survey	Average	Self completed surveys	Phone survey	Average
Have lived in Marrickville for more than 10 years	51%	24%	38%	60%	35%	48%
Satisfied or very satisfied with Council buildings and infrastructure	56%	61%	59%	42%	47%	45%
Satisfied or very satisfies with Council services	78%	81%	80%	47%	54%	51%
Not aware that ageing infrastructure is a major community issue	65%	80%	73%	62%	73%	68%
Were aware of the library project	68%	61%	65%	55%	66%	61%
Has not provided feedback about library project	86%	47%	67%	89%	40%	65%
Would have some or extreme difficulty paying an increase in rates	31%	18%	25%	89%	71%	80%

Those who accepted the proposed SRV were more likely to:

- Be very satisfied or satisfied with Council services and buildings/infrastructure
- Have no problem or would not notice the rate increase.

People who opposed the SRV were more likely to:

- Be dissatisfied or neutral about Council services and buildings/infrastructure
- Have some difficulty or extreme difficulty in paying the rate increase.

Of these variables, it appears that ability to pay is the most significant factor in whether respondents accepted or opposed the proposed SRV.

These similarities are borne out in the quantitative data collected from each form of survey. (Participants in the telephone survey were asked directly what led them to accept or oppose the proposal. Respondents to the self-completion surveys were able to provide comments on each question).

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Across both kinds of survey, the reasons for accepting the proposal were similar and focused on support for the library and the view that it was important that Council could raise rates to fund the building.

The reasons for opposition were also similar across the surveys and focussed on:

- The proposed building was too big and too expensive
- Council funds should be spent on other priorities
- Rate rises would particularly hurt pensioners and businesses.

Attachment 1

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C1212(1) Item 3

C0312(2) Item 8 Report of Phase 2 Community
Consultation in Relation to the New Marrickville
Library Concept Designs - 20 March 2012

Report No: C1212(1) Item 4

Subject: PEDESTRIAN, CYCLIST & TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012

File Ref: 3337/76107.12

Prepared By: George Tsaprounis - Coordinator, Traffic Engineering Services

SYNOPSIS

The Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee held a meeting on Tuesday 20 November 2012 to discuss 8 items.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommendations in Sections A, B, C and D of the Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 20 November 2012 be adopted.

DISCUSSION

The minutes of the Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee (PCTCAC) Meeting (**ATTACHMENT 1**) summarise the discussion which occurred at the meeting and recommendations for adoption.

Section A of the business paper relates to Town Planning and Development matters referred to the Committee for technical advice and comment relating to traffic issues. Recommendations of the PCTCAC are submitted for consideration by Council's Development Assessment Section in formulating consent conditions and recommendations concerning developments.

Section B and Section C of the business paper relates to traffic and parking matters respectively. Recommendations of the PCTCAC on these matters are submitted for consideration and adoption by Council.

Section D of the business paper relates to items for Information Only.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommendations in Sections A, B, C and D of the Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 20 November 2012 be adopted.

Wal Petschler
A/Director, Infrastructure Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Minutes of the Pedestrian Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee Tuesday 20 November 2012
2. Agenda Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee 20 November 2012 (circulated as a separate document)

**MINUTES OF THE PEDESTRIAN, CYCLIST & TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2012
THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 1.32 PM**

PRESENT

Committee representatives:

Mr Wal Petschler	Council's Manager, Design and Investigations (Acting Chair)
Mr Nicolas Kocoski	Roads and Maritime Services – Engineer
Ms Maria Katsogiannis	Representative for Carmel Tebbutt MP Member for Marrickville

Councillors and Officers in attendance:

Clr Chris Woods	Councillor
Mr Peter Whitney	State Transit Authority
Mr George Tsaprounis	Council's Coordinator, Traffic Engineering Services
Mr Ramy Selim	Council's Engineer, Traffic Services
Ms Clara Welsh	Council's Administration Assistant

Visitors:

Mrs Annika Lowry	Resident of Cardigan Street, Stanmore
Mrs Celine Dickson	Resident of Cardigan Street, Stanmore
Mr David Howarth	Resident of Cardigan Street, Stanmore

1. Apologies

Sherrie Leo	Representative for Mr Ron Hoenig MP Member for Heffron
Clr Rosana Tyler	Councillor
Clr Sylvie Ellsmore	Councillor
L S/C Stephen Flanagan	Marrickville Police

2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

3. Council resolution relating to the Pedestrian, Cyclist & Traffic Calming Advisory Committee meetings held on Tuesday 23 October 2012.

The Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee's recommendations of its meeting held on 23 October 2012 are to be considered at Council's meeting held on Tuesday 20 November 2012.

4. Agenda Items

SECTION "A" - TOWN PLANNING MATTERS

Item No: A1
Subject: 46 HUNTER STREET, LEWISHAM (CENTRAL WARD)
PROPOSED CHILD CARE CENTRE
File Ref: S2560-02 & DA201200401
Author: Ramy Selim – Engineer, Traffic Services

Synopsis

A Development Application has been received to carry out alterations and additions to the existing dwelling at 46 Hunter Street, Lewisham, to be converted to a Child Care Centre for 81 children. The proposal seeks approval to provide an on-street drop off/pick up zone for two car parking spaces outside the proposed centre on Hunter Street.

It is recommended that an on-street drop off/pick up zone (in the form of 10 minute parking) for two (2) parking spaces outside 46 Hunter Street, Lewisham be approved, subject to the Development Application for the proposed Child Care Centre being approved.

The comments of the Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee will be referred to Council's Planning Section for consideration in determining the Development Application.

Traffic Committee Discussion

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT the following comments of the Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee be received and noted:

1. It is considered that the proposed 81 place Child Care centre will have adverse impacts on parking in Hunter Street, given the current high demand for parking in the area adjacent to the school and the shortfall of off-street car parking provision by four (4) spaces. Therefore, it is considered that a reduction in the proposed number of children and therefore a reduction in the number of staff would have less impact on on-street parking in Hunter Street;
2. The installation of '10 min Parking 7.00am to 9.00am and 4.00pm to 6.00pm Mon to Fri' zone on the western side of Hunter Street, Lewisham outside property No. 46 for a length of 12 metres (two car parking spaces) be APPROVED, subject to the Development Application for the proposed Child Care Centre being approved; and
3. The costs of supply and installation of signage be borne by the applicant in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

For Motion: Unanimous

SECTION "B" - TRAFFIC MATTERS

Item No:	B1
Subject:	CARDIGAN STREET, STANMORE (NORTH WARD) REVIEW OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPTIONS
File Ref:	S0791-02
Author:	George Tsaprounis – Coordinator, Traffic Engineering Services

Synopsis

For Council to consider a review prepared a Bitzios Consulting on various Traffic management options considered for Cardigan Street, Stanmore.

The review proposes that Council proceed with a one way northbound slow point, north of Cardigan Place and its associated measures (i.e. Kilner Lane to become one-way westbound over its entire length, and 'Local Traffic Only' signage at Parramatta Road) as well as a number of other supporting measures.

Traffic Committee Discussion

(Mrs Lowry, Mrs Dickson and Mr David Howarth, residents of Cardigan Street, Stanmore attended the meeting at 1.34pm)

The residents advised that they are in support of the Officer's recommendations and were satisfied with the consultation process undertaken by Council. They also stated that this issue is important for residents and has been ongoing since 2007.

The residents requested that the works be undertaken as part of this financial year's budget or at the beginning of the next financial year at the latest. They stated that funding had been allocated to this project previously and that the project should proceed as quickly as possible, now that Council has gone through this process.

(The residents departed the meeting at 1.39pm)

(Councillor Chris Woods attended the meeting at 1.40pm)

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) representative stated that a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) for the proposed one-way traffic movement needs to be forwarded to RMS for consideration and approval.

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The RMS representative further stated that Council has installed 'No Right Turn' signs and bicycle lanes at the intersection of Cardigan Street and Salisbury Road without submitting an updated Traffic Signal plan for the RMS. He said that Council will need to prepare Traffic Signal plan which is to include the proposed removal of the 'Left Turn on Red' signage and associated changes including the bicycle lanes and the 'No Right turn' at the intersection. These plans are to be submitted to the RMS for approval.

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation with amendments to point No. 3 and the addition of point No. 4 where a TMP is to be submitted to RMS for consideration and approval.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT:

1. A one-way northbound slow point, north of Cardigan Place, including associated measures of Kilner Lane to be one-way westbound over its entire length and 'Local Traffic Only' signage at Parramatta Road be approved in principle and that a detailed design of the proposal be prepared and submitted to the Committee for consideration;
2. The length of 'No Stopping' restrictions on the north side of Salisbury Road, west of Cardigan Street be extended by 20 metres for the PM peak period (i.e. 4.00pm to 6.00pm Mon-Fri); and
3. The Roads and Maritime Services be requested to remove the 'Left Turn on Red' signage on the northern approach of Cardigan Street at the Salisbury Road traffic signals.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT:

1. A one-way northbound slow point, north of Cardigan Place, including associated measures of Kilner Lane to be one-way westbound over its entire length and 'Local Traffic Only' signage at Parramatta Road be approved in principle and that a detailed design of the proposal be prepared and submitted to the Committee for consideration;
2. The length of 'No Stopping' restrictions on the north side of Salisbury Road, west of Cardigan Street be extended by 20 metres for the PM peak period (i.e. 4.00pm to 6.00pm Mon-Fri); and
3. Council Officers prepare Traffic Signal plans for the removal of the 'Left Turn on Red' signage on the northern approach of Cardigan Street at the Salisbury Road traffic signals and associated infrastructure including the bicycle lanes and 'No Right turn' restriction. These plans are to be submitted to the RMS for approval; and
4. A Traffic Management Plan for the proposed one-way traffic movement be forwarded to the Roads and Maritime Services for consideration and approval

For Motion: Unanimous

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SECTION "C" - PARKING MATTERS

Item 4

Item No:	C1.1
Subject:	COLLINS STREET, TEMPE (SOUTH WARD) REQUEST FOR MOBILITY PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE PROPERTY No. 12
File Ref:	S1100-02
Author:	Emilio Andari – Assistant Engineer

Synopsis

A request has been received from a resident of Collins Street, Tempe for the provision of a dedicated mobility parking space outside their residence. It is recommended that a 'Mobility Parking' space be approved as the applicant's property has an off-street parking facility which is not accessible and the applicant's condition warrants the provision of the parking space.

Traffic Committee Discussion

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT:

Signposting for a 'Mobility Parking' space be APPROVED on the western side of Collins Street, Tempe, outside property No. 12, subject to:

- a. The operation of the dedicated parking space be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of installation;
- b. The applicant advising Council of any changes in circumstances affecting the need for the special parking space; and
- c. The applicant be requested to furnish a medical certificate and current mobility permit justifying the need for the mobility parking space for its continuation after each 12 month period.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

For Motion: Unanimous

Attachment 1

Item 4

Item No:	C1.2
Subject:	CONSTITUTION ROAD, DULWICH HILL (WEST WARD) REQUEST FOR MOBILITY PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE PROPERTY No. 77
File Ref:	S1130-02
Author:	Emilio Andari – Assistant Engineer

Synopsis

A request has been received from a resident of Constitution Road, Dulwich Hill for the provision of a dedicated mobility parking space outside their residence. It is recommended that a 'Mobility Parking' space be approved as the applicant's property has an off-street parking facility which is not accessible and the applicant's condition warrants the provision of the parking space.

Traffic Committee Discussion

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT:

Signposting for a 'Mobility Parking' space be APPROVED on the southern side of Constitution Road, Dulwich Hill, outside property No. 77, subject to:

- The operation of the dedicated parking space be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of installation;
- The applicant advising Council of any changes in circumstances affecting the need for the special parking space; and
- The applicant be requested to furnish a medical certificate and current mobility permit justifying the need for the mobility parking space for its continuation after each 12 month period.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

For Motion: Unanimous

Attachment 1

Item No:	C1.3
Subject:	MARGARET STREET, PETERSHAM (NORTH WARD) REQUEST FOR MOBILITY PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE PROPERTY No. 48
File Ref:	S3150-02
Author:	Emilio Andari – Assistant Engineer

Synopsis

A request has been received from a resident of Margaret Street, Petersham for the provision of a dedicated mobility parking space outside their residence. It is recommended that a 'Mobility Parking' space be approved as the applicant's property has an off-street parking facility which is not accessible and the applicant's condition warrants the provision of the parking space.

Traffic Committee Discussion

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT:

Signposting for a 'Mobility Parking' space be APPROVED on the northern side of Margaret Street, Petersham, outside property No. 48, subject to:

- a. The operation of the dedicated parking space be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of installation;
- b. The applicant advising Council of any changes in circumstances affecting the need for the special parking space; and
- c. The applicant be requested to furnish a medical certificate and current mobility permit justifying the need for the mobility parking space for its continuation after each 12 month period.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

For Motion: Unanimous

Item 4

Item No: C1.4
Subject: WESTBOURNE STREET, STANMORE (NORTH WARD)
 REQUEST FOR MOBILITY PARKING SPACE OUTSIDE PROPERTY No. 8
File Ref: S5160-02
Author: Emilio Andari – Assistant Engineer

Synopsis

A request has been received from a resident of Westbourne Street, Stanmore for the provision of a dedicated mobility parking space outside their residence. It is recommended that a 'Mobility Parking' space not be approved as the applicant's property has an off-street parking facility and the applicant's condition does not necessitate the use of a wheel chair for mobility.

Traffic Committee Discussion

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT a dedicated 'Mobility Parking' space NOT be approved outside 8 Westbourne Street, Stanmore, as the applicant's property has an off-street parking facility and the applicant's condition does not necessitate the use of a wheel chair for mobility.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

For Motion: Unanimous

Attachment 1

Item No: C2
Subject: COBAR, ROSS, CLARGO & KROOMBIT STREET, DULWICH HILL (WEST WARD)
 PROPOSAL FOR A RESIDENT PARKING SCHEME – PARKING AND
 RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS
File Ref: S1080-02
Author: Ramy Selim – Engineer, Traffic Services

Synopsis

In July 2012, Council resolved to investigate the provision of a Resident Parking Scheme for Cobar, Ross and Clargo Streets, Dulwich Hill. On-street parking utilisation survey and a resident questionnaire survey were undertaken by Council Officers to assess the current parking conditions and obtain feedback from residents. The results of the surveys are presented in this report for the Committee to consider.

As the response and support rates from residents in the study area have not met Council's criteria for a Resident Parking Scheme and due to the current low to moderate utilisation levels of on-street parking spaces, it is recommended that the installation of a Resident Parking Scheme in Cobar, Ross, Clargo and Kroombit Streets, Dulwich Hill not be approved at this time.

Traffic Committee Discussion

Council Officers advised that eleven (11) more responses were received from residents following the printing of the Agenda. The updated consultation results are shown below:

Street name	No. of responses received	Yes (support rate)	No (objection rate)	Undecided
Cobar Street	31	5 (16.1%)	24 (77.4%)	2 (6.5%)
Ross Street	4	3 (75%)	1 (25%)	-
Clargo Street	-	-	-	-
Kroombit Street	6	1 (16.7%)	5 (83.3%)	-
No address provided	4	2 (50%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)
Total	45 (13.9% response rate)	11 (24.4%)	31 (68.9%)	3 (6.7%)

The Committee members acknowledged that the response and support rate from residents have not met Council's criteria for a Resident Parking Scheme and agreed with the Officer's recommendation.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT:

1. The findings of the on-street parking utilisation and resident survey questionnaire be received and noted; and
2. As the response and support rates from residents in the study area have not met Council's criteria for a Resident Parking Scheme and due to the current low to moderate utilisation levels of on-street parking spaces, the installation of a Resident Parking Scheme in Cobar, Ross, Clargo and Kroombit Streets, Dulwich Hill NOT be approved at this time.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

For Motion: Unanimous

SECTION "D" – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Item No: D1
Subject: PEDESTRIAN, CYCLIST & TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013
File Ref: 14532-08
Author: Ramy Selim – Engineer, Traffic Services

Synopsis

The proposed schedule of the Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee meetings has been prepared for the 2013 calendar year. It is recommended that the proposed meeting schedule be received and noted.

Traffic Committee Discussion

The Committee members agreed with the Officer's recommendation with an amendment to the November Committee meeting to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (on 19 November 2013).

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT the proposed schedule of meetings of the Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee for the 2013 calendar year be received and noted.

Traffic Committee Recommendation:

THAT the proposed schedule of meetings of the Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee for the 2013 calendar year, with an amendment to the November Committee meeting to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (on 19 November 2013), be received and noted.

For Motion: Unanimous

6. LATE ITEMS

There are no late items.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

There are no general business matters.

8. THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.53 PM

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C1212(1) Item 4

Agenda Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming
Advisory Committee 20 November 2012

Item No: C1212(1) Item 5
Subject: ACCEPTANCE OF NSW METROPOLITAN GREENSPACE PROGRAM
GRANT FOR ABORIGINAL INTERPRETATION IN COOKS RIVER PARKS
STAGE TWO
File Ref: 10763-03/75293.12

Prepared By: Morna Scott - Landscape Coordinator

SYNOPSIS

Council is advised that the NSW Department of Planning has awarded Council a Metropolitan Greenspace Program Grant of \$30,000 (GST exclusive) for the detailed design and installation of Stage Two of the Aboriginal Interpretation in Cooks River Parks project.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council receives and notes this report;
2. Council accepts the NSW Metropolitan Greenspace Program Grant of \$30,000; and
3. an appropriate adjustment be made to the budget at the next financial review.

BACKGROUND

In 2011 Council developed concept designs for Aboriginal interpretation at a number of Cooks River Parks in consultation with the Aboriginal community, in particular the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (MACC). Stage one of the project was installed at Kendrick Park in early 2012. The concept design and stage one installation phases of the project were funded by Council (\$10,000) and the NSW Cooks River Foreshore Improvement Program (\$30,000) as part of the Kendrick Park Foreshore Improvement Project. Stage two proposes the installation of interpretation at Steel Park, Warren Park and Richardsons Lookout.

The interpretation concept designs include a common theme 'This Is Cadigal Wangal Country' for all the interpretation items with individual site themes of Gathering (Kendrick Park), Living With The Land (Steel Park), Living By The River (Warren Park) and Looking Out (Richardsons Lookout). The installations include carved sandstone and timber seating or sculptural elements. Graphic designs by local Aboriginal artists are included in the interpretation, in particular the Marrickville Welcome to Country signage and goanna image and images associated with Aboriginal naming of Council wards. Consideration is being given to a Story Pole installation painted by local Aboriginal community members for the Steel Park interpretation as part of stage two of the project.

DISCUSSION

Council has been successful in applying for a grant of \$30,000 under the NSW Metropolitan Greenspace Program for Stage Two of the installation (Steel Park, Warren Park and Richardsons Lookout). The grant will match Council Capital funding of \$30,000 providing a total detailed design and installation budget of \$60,000.

CONCLUSION

The grant provided under the NSW Metropolitan Greenspace Program will enable the installation of stage two of the Aboriginal Interpretation in Cooks River Parks to proceed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**Chief Financial Officer Comments:**

Council's adopted Budget for 2012/13 has a provision of \$10,000 for this project. A \$20,000 Budget Adjustment funded from s.94 funds has been recommended in the September Quarter Budget Revision. If Council adopts the review, sufficient funds will be available to match the grant.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

This report has been reviewed by Community Development who are assisting in the implementation of the project.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The development of the interpretation concept designs included community engagement with the local Aboriginal community including local elders. The MACC will assist in finalising designs for the stage two installations and in the coordinating community involvement in the project.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. Council receives and notes this report;
2. Council accepts the NSW Metropolitan Greenspace Program Grant of \$30,000; and
3. an appropriate adjustment be made to the budget at the next financial review.

Neil Strickland
Director, Infrastructure Services

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 6
Subject: FUNDING FOR GADIGAL INFORMATION SERVICE TO SUPPORT YABUN FESTIVAL 2013
File Ref: 3466-02/74534.12

Prepared By: Dina Petrakis - Coordinator, Community Partnerships & Places

SYNOPSIS

Marrickville Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee (MACC) received a written request from the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) seeking triennial funding support for their annual Yabun Festival which is held in Victoria Park, Broadway, on Australia Day.

At its meeting on 15 October the MACC considered this request and reached agreement to provide support to the Festival.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. a one-off offer of \$5,000 be made to the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) for the Yabun Festival in 2013;
2. the Gadigal Information Service must in future apply for funding through Marrickville Council's Community Grants program; and
3. Marrickville Council be recognised as a sponsor at the Yabun Festival.

BACKGROUND

The Gadigal Information Service (GIS) is recognised nationally as the East Coast lead organisation for the Australia Council for the Arts and supports programs such as Klub Koori, YBD and 93.7FM Koori Radio. The GIS also coordinates and manages the annual Yabun Festival held at Victoria Park, Broadway.

In 2012, the Yabun Festival celebrated its 10th anniversary drawing record crowds and performers such as Dan Sultan, Jessica Mauboy, Christine Anu and Uncle Archie Roach.

While the City of Sydney has been the traditional sponsor of the Yabun Festival, the GIS is seeking funding from Marrickville and Leichhardt Councils for the first time to support new events such as a circus, film night and Street Theatre.

In reaching their decision to support the funding request for the Yabun Festival, the MACC noted that the Yabun Festival provided a valuable contribution to the Aboriginal community through social inclusion and the creation of employment and training opportunities for young Aboriginal people who are involved in organising the Festival.

DISCUSSION

Marrickville LGA has one of the largest urban Aboriginal populations in the greater Sydney. Current census data (2011) indicates that there are over 1,100 Aboriginal people living in the Marrickville Council area which comprises of 1.4% of our population.

The size of the Aboriginal population has been a major consideration in planning strategies and programs for Aboriginal people in Community Development's Social Plan. Further considerations include:

- A large proportion of this population is under 24 years of age. While the average age of the Marrickville resident is 36 years, for the Aboriginal population the median age is 28 years;
- The median total weekly household income for Aboriginal people, \$1254, which is less than the general Marrickville weekly household income at \$1611;
- 2011 Crime Statistics for Marrickville LGA indicate that 12% of the Aboriginal population was involved in offences such as assault, robbery, theft, offensive conduct, in comparison to less than 1% for the non Aboriginal population.
- Over 3% of Aboriginal people were recorded as victims of offences, compared to just over 1% for non Aboriginal people;
- Festivals and events attract a large number of Aboriginal people.

Community Development's Strategic Project Officer - Aboriginal Inclusion, has identified \$5,000 of funding which would be used to consult and engage with local Aboriginal communities on the Social Plan to be used for this project. The Yabun Festival provides a safe and positive forum for this to occur, with Aboriginal families from Marrickville and greater Sydney attending the event.

CONCLUSION

Provision of one-off funding support for the Yabun Festival in 2013 will provide outcomes to support the development of Council's Social Plan in the domain of Aboriginal social inclusion given the size and profile of Marrickville's Aboriginal population. Yabun Festival creates grassroots employment and training opportunities for young Aboriginal people particularly those interested in working within the Arts sector.

The GIS will be directed to Council's Community Grants and Culture and Arts Grants funding programs for future support.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been identified to support this recommendation from the Aboriginal Program budget for community engagement and consultation for the Social Plan.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee have been consulted and their recommendation is included in this report.

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1. a one-off offer of \$5,000 be made to the Gadigal Information Service (GIS) for the Yabun Festival in 2013;
2. the Gadigal Information Service must in future apply for funding through Marrickville Council's Community Grants program; and
3. Marrickville Council be recognised as a sponsor at the Yabun Festival.

Simone Schwarz
Director, Community Services

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 7

Subject: OPEN MARRICKVILLE 2013 PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

File Ref: 4662/72677.12

Prepared By: Raffaella Cavadini - Community Cultural Development Officer

SYNOPSIS

Council is advised of applications received for the Open Marrickville Grant Program 2013. Council received 38 applications requesting a total of \$167,768 and 21 projects are recommended for funding.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council endorse funding for the 21 applications as outlined in ATTACHMENT 4, totalling \$58,388 for the Open Marrickville Grants Program

BACKGROUND

The Open Marrickville Program is an initiative that was endorsed by Council on 14 December 2010 (S1210, Item 4), to replace the Community Cultural Events Program (CCEP), following extensive community consultation. The Program contributes to key goals in Council's *Our Place, Our Vision* Community Strategic Plan 2021, including supporting a diverse community that values and celebrates cultural diversity.

The central component of the Open Marrickville program is the Open Marrickville Grants Program, which aims to:

- encourage younger CALD (Cultural and Linguistic Diverse) and Sister Cities' generations to connect with and celebrate their individual cultures and share and promote these with the broader community;
- facilitate the transfer of knowledge, skills and traditions across generations, through a series of events and activities involving local schools, youth community groups, community based organisations and the wider community;
- reflect and promote aspects of the cultural life of the Marrickville LGA;
- support events that are a significant part of the cultural landscape of the Marrickville LGA;
- encourage participation by and engagement with local communities;
- promote a vibrant street life, support local business and encourage visitors to the LGA; and
- support the cultural diversity of the Marrickville LGA.

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Council's inaugural Open Marrickville Festival took place from 23 June to 1 July 2012. Council provided grant funding and practical support to 17 community groups (with two non-funded groups) to assist individuals and community groups deliver events and activities that celebrated Marrickville's cultural diversity, encouraged the transfer of skills and traditions across generations and targeted participants of all ages.

Open Marrickville enabled the staging of 19 events that reached approximately 6,000 participants, almost 8% of Council's population of 76,000. Council received very positive feedback about the activities with 100% of applicants reporting extreme satisfaction or satisfaction with their activities and an increase in knowledge and skills. The social outcomes associated with the festival are significant from the breakdown of social isolation to the development of cultural understanding and positive experiences.

DISCUSSION

The Open Marrickville Grants program opened on 9 October 2012 and closed on 6 November 2012. Prior to the Open Marrickville Grant Program opening, Council Officers updated the 2013 logo for Open Marrickville with the tagline "Unlock the heart of Marrickville". This tagline and the Open Marrickville key logo were used to market the Grants Program (see **ATTACHMENT 1**) and will be used for all future marketing materials and individual activities. Information including the Open Marrickville Grant Guidelines and Application Forms (See **ATTACHMENT 2 & 3**) were prepared.

Public information sessions on the Open Marrickville Grants Program were held on 22 October, 6 to 7pm and 24 October, 1 to 2pm. Each session had approximately 10 attendees. Attendees were advised of the grants procedures, selection criteria and given the opportunity to ask questions. The grants and information sessions were promoted through advertising in *The Inner West Courier*, Council's Column, Council's website, Facebook and the Arts and Culture Newsletter, ArtPost. In addition to this, local businesses, community organisations, community members that had participated in the previous CCEP program and previous grant recipients were also notified of the program via a direct mail (email) campaign. Follow up emails and calls were made to key contacts, such as schools, previous Community Cultural Event Program organisers, community associations and cultural groups.

The application and assessment process was streamlined through the use of the online grants application program, 'Smartygrants'. For organisations / individuals that were unable to apply for the Grants on-line, the applicants were offered relevant assistance from Council officers.

Thirty-eight Open Marrickville grant applications were received and a Working Party Assessment Panel assessed the applications. The Working Party members were:

- Stella Ford, Manager Community Development;
- Dana Tyson, Marrickville Youth Resource Centre;
- Jenevieve Chang, local community cultural development artist;
- George Kavourmas, The Pan-Koakos Association and Sister Cities Committee member;
- Con Nats, local theatre producer;
- Rachel Margolius, past Open Marrickville grant recipient and owner Urchin Books; and
- Jehan Kanga, local community cultural development artist.

Manager Culture and Recreation and Officers from Culture and Recreation also provided feedback. None of the Open Marrickville Working Party applied for a 2013 Grant and all members were asked to declare and conflicts of interest.

Applicants were assessed against the following selection criteria:

- how the project reflects and promotes aspects of the cultural life of the Marrickville LGA;
- how the project actively engages with Marrickville's diverse communities;
- how the project encourages community participation;
- how the project encourages the sharing of cultural knowledge
- how the project encourages cross-generational participation;
- the level of creative merit and innovation;
- against the merit of other applications;
- the individual / group's demonstrated ability to deliver similar projects; and
- previous Council support received.

Of the 38 applications assessed under the Open Marrickville Grants Program, 21 applications totalling \$58,388 are recommended for funding. Not all projects are receiving the entire amount that was requested, however, the assessment panel believe the projects are still achievable at the reduced funds. The projects recommended represent a variety of different events from film to cultural events and exhibitions. The projects are located in a range of locations around the Marrickville LGA.

The recommended applications are of a high standard, meet the Open Marrickville Eligibility and Assessment Criteria and address the program objectives as outlined in the Application Guidelines.

Once the recommended applications have been endorsed, a range of workshops will be held to provide assistance related to their events as identified by grant recipients. These will include event management, media relations, insurance requirements, networking, community engagement etc. Council officers will also provide support to groups / individuals on an as-needs basis.

Seventeen applications are not recommended for funding (see **ATTACHMENT 5**). The main reasons being:

- some were not as strong as the recommended applications in one or more assessment criteria;
- applicants had received recent funding or in-kind support from Council;
- suggested outcomes did not strongly benefit the local community;
- the project was still viable without Council funding;
- the project did not address the selection or assessment criteria;
- the project did not take place within the LGA; or
- the timing of the project was not within the criteria.

In addition to the grants, one project was selected for further funding (\$3,000), to enhance it to become an opening activity, Chris Wards' *Pop Up Festival*, which will include local storytelling and performances on a tour in Marrickville. At this stage a finale activity may be selected from the existing applications or Council may hold their own activity. Further investigations need to be undertaken and recommendations regarding the Finale will be reported to Council.

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CONCLUSION

The positive response from the community represented through the number of applications received is a good indicator of the need for this type of program within the community. The Program highlights the creativity and diversity of Marrickville's communities and will assist in place making, community empowerment, building stronger community relationships and enhancing the already culturally rich demographic.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are sufficient funds in the 2012/2013 Arts and Cultural Development Operating Budget to implement the recommendations appearing in this business paper.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

Nil.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Open Marrickville Grant Program was promoted through various media and specific meetings were held with potential applicants. Further publicity will be prepared once the Open Marrickville Program is finalised and the community will be invited to attend these events and activities. An Open Marrickville Working Party was also established and includes representatives from a wide range of demographics and expertise across the local community.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council endorse funding for the 21 applications as outlined in ATTACHMENT 4, totalling \$58,388 for the Open Marrickville Grants Program

Josephine Bennett
Manager, Culture and Recreation

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Branding
2. Attachment 2 - Guidelines
3. Attachment 3 - Sample Application Form
4. Attachment 4 - Recommended for funding
5. Attachment 5 - Not Recommended for funding

Open Marrickville



Unlock the heart of Marrickville
to reveal the flavour of our multicultural communities.

Marrickville Council will support projects that share multicultural expressions through 11 days of storytelling, music, dance, art theatre, food or just gathering together. Open Marrickville will unlock our living cultures.



Information

Open Marrickville Grants are available from Marrickville Council to support local groups and organisations to stage their own cultural events.

Grant applications to support events will be open from **9 October to 6 November, 5pm 2012.**

Funding of up to **\$5,000** is available.

Grant Information sessions will be held on:

Monday 22 October, 6-7 pm and Wednesday 24 October, 1-2 pm
Level 3, Council Function Room, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham

Open Marrickville 2013 cultural events must take place between **Thursday 20 June to Sunday 30 June.**

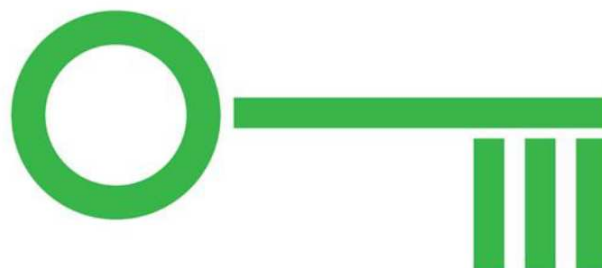
An Open Marrickville **'What's On'** program will be produced and Council staff will support groups to prepare their events, providing advice and practical support. Open Marrickville particularly welcomes proposals that involve young people as key contributors and beneficiaries of proposed projects.

Grant applications and guidelines available at **www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au** from 9 October 2012.

For further information:

Community Cultural Development Officer
ccdo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au or on **02 9335 2293**

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Grants Program Guidelines 2012/2013

Marrickville Council's Open Marrickville Program will support projects that share multicultural expressions through eleven days of storytelling, music, dance, art, theatre, food or just gathering. Open Marrickville will unlock our living cultures.

Open Marrickville events must take place 20 June – 30 June 2013



Introduction

Marrickville Council's *Open Marrickville Festival Grants Program* aims to provide financial support to community and cultural groups, and not-for-profit, non-government arts, community and cultural organisations that offer programs and services of benefit to residents in the Marrickville local government area (LGA). Open Marrickville will support projects that share multicultural expressions through 11 days of storytelling, music, dance, art, theatre, food or just gathering.

The Program contributes to key goals in Council's *Our Place, Our Vision* Community Strategic Plan 2021, including supporting a diverse community that values and celebrates their cultural diversity.

The key objectives of the *Open Marrickville Festival Grants Program* are to:

- encourage younger CALD (Cultural and Linguistic Diverse) and Sister Cities' generations to connect with and celebrate their individual cultures and share and promote their cultures with the broader community;
- facilitate the transfer of knowledge, skills and traditions across generations, through a series of events and activities involving local schools, youth community groups, community based organisations and the wider community;
- encourage excellence in the content and delivery of cultural activities/events;
- reflect and promote aspects of the cultural life of the Marrickville LGA;
- support events that are a significant part of the cultural landscape of the Marrickville LGA;
- encourage participation by and engagement with local communities;
- promote a vibrant street life, support local business and encourage visitors to the LGA; and
- support the cultural diversity of the Marrickville LGA.

Program Funding

- Funding of up to \$5,000 is available for projects.
- Applications must be for specific projects for one-off funding.
- Council reserves the right to determine the level of funding for an application.
- Budgets for the Program are approved by Council and may change from year to year. Changes may affect the availability of a particular program category in any given year.

Open Marrickville 2013 Focus

The focus for Open Marrickville 2013 is to encourage applications which offer a variety of experiences to the local community in Marrickville and its visitors. From cooking classes to community workshops and smaller scale cultural activities to major cultural celebrations.

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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

(Applicants applying as individuals)

- be an Australian resident;
- be over 18 years of age;
- be a resident of the Marrickville Lga;

OR

(Applicants applying as organisations)

- be not-for-profit, non-government arts, cultural, or community organisation that provides programs and services that benefit the residents of Marrickville;
- organisations must be not-for-profit and appropriately incorporated. Community groups are eligible to apply if they are auspiced by such an organisation.

The application must:

- be for a specific event;
- must not be considered as a permanent source of future funding;
- must not cover staffing costs which total more than 30% of the budget.

Projects must:

- be for, from or about the Marrickville LGA;
- occur between 20 June – 30 June 2013;
- celebrate the culture of Marrickville's multicultural communities;
- encourage community participation;
- be located within the local government area.

Applicants will not be eligible to submit more than one application each year and will not be provided to political parties.

Grants will not be given to cover a short fall in the applicant organisation's administrative costs. The provision of funding for a project does not imply the provision of any additional resources or funding for that project or associated activities.

Attachment 2

In addition to a completed application form, all submission must include:

- documentation of previous work and experience relevant to the project being applied for;
- contacts for two referees;
- written confirmation from all partnership bodies named in the proposal as confirmed; and
- at least two quotes for any significant items to be purchased with Council funds.

For an individual:

- proof of Australian residency; and
- proof of identity including current address and age.

For an organisation:

- a copy of the organisation's constitution or stated aims and objectives;
- a copy of the most recent audited statement or statement of income and expenditure.

Assessment Criteria:

Projects will be assessed on

- how the project reflects and promotes aspects of the cultural life of the Marrickville LGA;
- how the project actively engages with Marrickville's diverse communities;
- how the project encourages community participation;
- how the project encourages the sharing of cultural knowledge;
- how the project encourages cross-generational participation;
- the level of creative merit and innovation;
- against the merit of other applications;
- the individual / group's demonstrated ability to deliver similar projects;
- previous Council support received.

Applications must clearly define:

- project concept;
- how it will be delivered and the resources required to deliver it; and
- how the project meets the assessment criteria.

Conditions for Approval

- Applications for the purchase of significant items must include copies of two quotes.
- Applicants who have received funds in previous years will only be eligible to apply for assistance in the current year if all accountability and evaluation procedures have been satisfied.
- Applicants may not vary the purpose of the grant for which they have been funded without receiving written approval from Council.
- Applications must contain written confirmation from all partnership bodies named in the proposal as confirmed funding sources.
- Applicants who wish to include food at their event must have a caterer with a Food Safety Supervisor Certificate (Council will provide this training as part of the Open Marrickville support workshops).

Accountability Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to undertake the following activities:

- sign a form accepting the conditions of the grant;
- provide information and respond to requests from Council promptly;
- attend an *Open Marrickville* support workshop;
- promote and market their event/project in the *Open Marrickville* program;
- deliver the project/event during the *Open Marrickville* dates;
- complete an evaluation report for Council within one month of the project being completed using the evaluation form provided by Council;
- where funds are approved for the purchase of equipment, the organisation or individual will be required to provide receipts for equipment, the equipment is to be identified as an asset of the organisation and engraved. Should the organisation cease to exist or the individual no longer uses the equipment, the equipment must be returned to Council;
- all promotional materials must acknowledge Council's support through text or logo placement. Approval of final copy (including media releases) must be sought prior to release; and
- Failure to comply with these requirements will mean the funded organisation or individual will not be eligible for grants in the future and may face legal proceedings.

Council Promotions

Applications should state how Council's support will be acknowledged. Council will provide instructions regarding appropriate acknowledgement of Council and the use of Council logos. Council will promote events generally through the Open Marrickville program, each successful applicant will be responsible for advertising their own events.

Information Sessions

Grant information sessions will be held on:

Monday 22 October 2012, 6-7pm and
Wednesday 24 October 2012, 1-2pm
Marrickville Council Function Room
Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham

Assessment of Applications

Following the closing date for applications, applications will be considered by relevant staff against the eligibility and assessment criteria.

Applications which meet the eligibility and assessment criteria will be reviewed by the *Open Marrickville Working Party* and a selection panel comprised of the Community Cultural Development Officer; Arts and Cultural Development Coordinator; Manager Cultural & Recreation Services; and Director Community Services. The Director Community Services will then present a report to Council which provides a brief assessment of each application and recommends its priority for funding.

Council will subsequently determine the funding of applications. All decisions are final.

All applicants will be advised as to whether they have or have not been successful within four weeks of Council's decision.

Applications

Applications open: 9 October 2012

Applications close: 6 November 2012

On-line applications: <http://marrickville.smartygrants.com.au/openmarrickville2013>

If you are not able to apply on-line please contact the Community Cultural Development Officer

Enquiries

For further information:

Name: Community Cultural Development Officer
Phone: (02) 9335 2293
Email: ccdo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au

Open Marrickville 2012/2013

Application 106 from Service @ SmartyGrants
(service@smartygrants.com.au)

Received on 16 November 2012, 11:43 AM EST

Applicant Details

Instructions

Name

Organisation Name

ABN / ACN

Address

Email Address

Website

Mobile

Landline

Project Summary

Project title

Type of Event

Project location

Do you intend on having an
outdoor event?

Project suburb

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Short description of project

Long description of project

When do you intend to hold
you event?

What time would you intend
holding your event?

How many hours do you
intend your event go for?

Please indicate which age
group your project targets

What is the expected
audience at your event?

Do you require a Mayoral
speech at your event?

Do you require MP
attendance at your event

Amount requested

Please indicate if your event
targets a particular cultural
group (eg Italian, Greek,
Vietnamese etc). If so,
please give details.

Is it a ticketed event?

If yes, proposed ticket price

Please describe how the
project will benefit members
of the Marrickville
community

Please describe how the
project actively engages
with Marrickville's diverse
communities and
encourages community
participation

Please describe how the
project encourages sharing
of cultural knowledge and
cross-generational
participation

Project Details

Please provide details of
your or the group's

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experience in delivering
similar projects (including
concept, project
management and planning)

Please provide details of
your organisation's or
group's management
structure and key staff

How will you advertise and
promote your event to the
public?

Please attach a proposed
project production schedule
(this is a table describing
what needs to happen and
by when)

How does your organisation
or group intend to
acknowledge Council's
support?

What aspect of your project
would you need the most
support for?

Council will provide support
workshops to successful
applicants, what workshops
would you attend?

How do you intend to
evaluate the project?

Budget Details

Have you received any
funding or in-kind support
from Marrickville Council in
recent years?

If yes, please provide further
details (including year of
support, grant awarded,
provision of premises or in-
kind support)

Specify any other funding
you or your organisation has
received in the last 12
months. (including funding
agency, project name,
amount, contact details)

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Budget

Total Income	\$0.00	Total Expenditure	\$0.00
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Auspice Details

Is your organisation
incorporated

Name of auspicng
organisation

ABN / ACN

Address

Contact name

Contact position

Phone number

Email

Office Bearers

Letter from auspicng body

Supporting Material and Declaration

Provide contacts for two
referees

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If you are purchasing
equipment or services over
\$1000, provide at least two
quotes

Provide proof of Australian
residency

Provide proof of identity
including address and age

A copy of your
organisation's constitution
or stated aims and
objectives

A copy of your most recent
audited statement or
statement of income and
expenditure

If we cannot award you your
full requested funding are
you still interested in
delivering the project?

How did you hear about this
grant scheme?

I declare that to the best of
my knowledge the
information in this
application is true and
correct

I am aware that my project
must take place between 20
June - 30 June 2013

I am aware that the project
will be marketed under the
Open Marrickville Festival
banner and will adhere to
Council's guidelines
regarding the delivery of the
event

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Project Title, Applicant and Organisation	Type of Event	Target Community	Project Date and Location	Description of Project	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
Camdenville NAIDOC Week Celebrations Sue Smith Camdenville Public School	School event	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders / Pre-school children Primary school students	28 June Camdenville Public School, Laura Street, Newtown	The students and school community will be engaged in a week of activities celebrating Aboriginal culture, culminating in a public performance by students in the school. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$4560	\$2000
SHARE - Learn For Life Samantha McKay SHARE SMR Incorporated	Other: Health & Lifestyle	All cultural groups over the age of 50 / 50 years + Seniors	20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 June Marrickville Parks	During the Open Marrickville Festival, SHARE will be facilitating FREE Tai Chi classes in a selection of Marrickville Parks. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$1,000	\$1000
Festa Junina 2013 Socorro Wilkinson Brazilian Community Council of Australia	Festival / Community Event	Our main target is the Brazilian community but as the Festa Junina is originally a Portuguese event, we do receive many Portuguese people and Australians who have Brazilian friends/relatives or are interested in the Brazilian culture / cross generational	23 June Sydney Portugal Community Club, Marrickville	Festa Junina (June Harvest Festival) is a traditional bush festival held every year in June to celebrate rural life with typical clothing, food and dance. An event that brings the community together promoting our culture and contributes to a multicultural society. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$4000

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<i>Cabaret in the 'ville</i> Phoebe Meredith blackcat productions	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Mixed - local artists and audience from diverse groups / 18-25 years old, 26-50 years old, 50 years +	28 June The Red Rattler Theatre, Marrickville	Musicians, artists, comedians, foodies and thinkers combine for an evening of cabaret, created by, for and about the local community. Artists present work inspired by their relationship to the area and the host ties stories together with comedy and song. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$2500
<i>"Food from Home"</i> Ken Saunders Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Other: Multicultural Book launch	Communities from the Former Yugoslavia / Seniors	27 June Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Bedford St, Newtown	A book launch of a combined recipe/personal history book with contributions by members of communities from the former Yugoslavia. The book will be prepared in the months ahead through a series of workshops conducted by an oral history specialist. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$4820	\$3000
<i>Pacifica Film Festival and Cultural Event</i> Kalo Fainu STUDIO 2204	Art / exhibition	Pacific Community and general community / cross generational	21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 June STUDIO 2204, 20 Farr St, Marrickville	STUDIO 2204 will host a Pasifika film fest including our recent work from Papua New Guinea. The film fest will screen films by emerging film and documentary makers who have worked across the Pacific region. All things Pacific will be celebrated. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$4000

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50 Years and more of Greeks in Marrickville Steve Magdas Greek Welfare Centre	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Greek and wider CALD and mainstream communities / cross generational	30 June St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 203-207 Livingstone Rd, Marrickville	Celebrating 50 years and more of the Greek orthodox community in Marrickville. The project will create an opportunity to reunite past and present Greek residents of Marrickville and reminisce past experiences and share them with the broader community. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$2500
Solid Ground II Brendan Penzer At The Vanishing Point - Contemporary Art Inc.	Art / exhibition	Many cultures / cross generational	20 to 30 June At The Vanishing Point - Contemporary Art Inc., Newtown	Solid Ground II, is an exhibition showcasing local and emerging artists from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Solid Ground II is to be curated by Cigdem Aydemir from Council's Artists Advisory Panel. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$2500	\$2500
Showcase of Traditional Indonesian Culture Activities Sisca Hunt	A combination of the above	many cultural group / Primary school students, High school students, 50 years +	20, 21, 22, 29 and 30 June Marrickville West Public School, Marrickville High School and Masonic Rest home Dulwich Hill (Marrickville LGA)	Project Showcase Performances. Providing Marrickville community opportunities to engage and learn traditional Indonesian cultural activities. Participants perform on stage displaying knowledge and techniques learnt from workshops held over the months prior to Marrickville Events week. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$4000	\$2000

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Collected visions Patrick O'Rourke	Art / exhibition	The project is aimed at Marrickville as whole / cross generational	20 to 30 June Multiple venues with in Marrickville due to the nature of the project to be arranged on by myself and the council	An exhibition of drawings inspired by the many histories and life events of the residents of the Marrickville community. Using abandoned household objects as the canvas, the drawings will explore how the community has changed and evolved over time. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$2780	\$2780
Textile Tales Woven Journeys Nelia Justo	Art / exhibition	multicultural, multigenerational event, though may have greater appeal to women due to subject matter / cross generational	25 to 30 June Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Camperdown	Textile Tales Woven Journeys: photo-text exhibition that shares women's personal stories with the wider community. The stories focus on textile articles of personal significance in domestic collections from 30-40 ethnically diverse women living in the Marrickville Municipality and surrounding suburbs. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$1618	\$1618

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<i>Cuisines of the World in Marrickville</i> Rikki Eckert Marrickville Feasting	Food / beverage	Diverse local cultural groups including the ethnic groups identified as the prevalent groups in Marrickville: this includes the UK, Vietnam, China, Greece/Macedonia, Italian/Portuguese/Spanish, Nepalese/Indian/Ban gladesh, Filipino, Aboriginal/Islander, German, Lebanese / High school students, 50 years +	21, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 June Tom Foster Community Centre, Newtown	Series of events with brief cooking demonstrations showing the basic technique for cuisines of the prevalent local nationalities. The underlying principle being that, with these basic cooking techniques, one does not need lengthy recipes and one gets an insight into diverse cultures. (NB the management of TFCC has agreed to host the events free of charge and have staff with Food Safety Supervisor Certificate who have agreed to assist the project), <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$4990	\$4990
<i>Aphrodite Festival</i> Roula Christodoulides Cyprus Community of NSW Limited	Festival / Community Event	Targets all cultures that live in the municipality / cross generational	23 June 58-76 Stanmore Road, Stanmore - Auditorium	Aphrodite Festival - a Community festival with strong pagan roots focusing primarily on water, or Festival of the Floods. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5,000	\$2000

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Third Sydney Inner West Winter festival Juan Carlos Rios Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Many cultural groups / cross generational	29 June Great Hall and the Green - 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville	A celebration of the Winter solstice with a cross-arts cultural event that promotes and showcases the artistic, cultural and ethnic diversity of the local and wider community The event includes live music, food and information stalls, entertainment and ARC artist exhibitions. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5,000	\$3000
Indonesian Food & Culture Bazaar - Back to Marrickville Alfira O'Sullivan Suara Indonesia Dance Group	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Indonesian	29 June Addison Road Community Centre in the Great Hall and grass area outside the great hall, Marrickville	Indonesian Food and Culture Bazaar "BACK TO MARRICKVILLE" will be a day and evening festival celebrating Indonesian culture through food, music, dance and people. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$4000
Flash Hub Tawfik Elgazzar Tawfik Elgazzar	Other: Photography / exhibition	many cultural groups	20 to 28 and 30 June Various locations (Marrickville LGA)	A portable portraits photo-studio, documenting Open Marrickville various events' attendees, and generating an electronic exhibition on the closing day/night. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$3500

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Pop Up Festival Chris Ward	Festival / Community Event	Artistic, Gay, Lesbian, Queer, Youth, Greek, Italian / cross generational	22 June Various Locations (Marrickville LGA)	A wandering tour of performers led by a mobile sound system. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5,000	\$3000
Chinese Cultural Festival Guangzhong Li Australian Federation of Chinese Organizations Incorporated	Festival / Community Event	Asian / Primary school students High school students, 18-25 years old, 26-50 years old, 50 years +	30 June Calvertt Street Carpark, Marrickville	Chinese Art including Peking Opera, Shanghai Opera, Kung Fu, Jazz, Chinese Muslim dance, talk show, pop songs singing, Chinese Calligraphy, and Han majority ethnic traditional clothes. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$4000
Afternoon Tea with St Columb Annette Tesoriero Inner West Cultural Services	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	No particular focus on individual cultural groups / cross generational	22 to 23 June Dickson Space, 35-39 Dickson St, Newtown	A celebration with a curated community music event and exhibition with afternoon tea to commemorate the centenary of the foundation of the church St Columb's at Camdenville, now known as Dickson Space and the home of Inner West Cultural Services. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$4700	\$2000

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Corroboration 2013 "The River of Goolay'Yari" Damien Moran Marrickville West Public School	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event. School event	Sharing Aboriginal perspectives and culture with the diversity of cultural groups within the school and local community / cross generational	27 June Marrickville West Public School, Marrickville	Building on from the success in 2012, Corroboration 2013 "The River of Goolay'Yari" explores more deeply the relationship between Aboriginal heritage and a culturally diverse Marrickville within the context of the Cooks River. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$5000	\$2000
Mongolia to Marrickville Ganbold Lundaa Artist	Art / exhibition	Mongolian and multicultural Australians / cross generational	20 to 28 June Tortuga studios, St Peters	My aim for the project is to share my visual art by having an exhibition which includes traditional Mongolian entertainment and food at the St Peters Tortuga studios, whom I have been in contact with and have received full support. <i>This application meets all of the eligibility and assessment criteria.</i>	\$4970	\$2000

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Project Title, Applicant and Organisation	Type of Event	Target Community	Project Date and Location	Description of Project	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
Shock and Awe Louise Steer Edith Artists t/a ESP Gallery	Art / exhibition	As Marrickville is diverse, no single group will be targeted; all representatives of Marrickville's diversity are welcome / cross generational	20 to 30 June ESP Gallery, 228 Illawarra Road, Marrickville	Shock and Awe - open the doors of perception through the power of art. Marrickville artists push their mediums to the max to turn ESP Gallery into a spectacular display of art on the edge. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$3,800	\$0
Be - Longing Kassandra Bossell	Art / exhibition	Many cultural groups / cross generational	21 June Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Camperdown	Solo Art Exhibition at Chrissie Cotter Gallery with music and drinks. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$3000	\$0
The Work Shop (working title) Matt Prest	Other: Pop-up shop installation, combining performance and workshop experiences	There is no specific cultural group targeted / 18-25 years old 26-50 years old, 50 years +	20 to 30 June An empty shop on Marrickville or Illawarra Rd, Marrickville	The Work Shop is a pop-up installation that inhabits an empty commercial space for 10 days, making it open and available as a 'shop' that offers experiences in the form of performances and workshops to the local Marrickville community. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5000	\$0

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Autumn Vintage Tea Dance Meera Belle	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Not cultural unless you consider vintage interest groups and dance groups such as the rockability community / cross generational	30 June Petersham Town Hall or Italian Forum Cultural Centre	The Starr Sisters are a vintage vocal trio specialising in the songs of the 30's and 40's. We are looking to collaborate with local musicians to form a big band so we can hold a Vintage Tea Dance next year. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5000	\$0
Art Party Jess Murray herartworks	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	No, however the event is likely going to be socially minded if the venue is indoor - to theme the event and provide funding for local services, ie refugee centre in Chippendale / 18-25 years old 26-50 years old, 50 years +	26 June Camperdown Park - Art Party on location	Art Party is currently a monthly event held for artists of every background. It was originally designed to be an intimate space which held a performance for performers, incorporating dance, poetry, music, magic, fire, visual art, sound art and philosophy. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$2500 - \$5000 depending on venue	\$0
"Inside Out" Uma Kali Shakti Rainbow Connections	Theatre	Multicultural & CALD / High school students, 18-25 years old, 26-50 years old, 50 years +, Seniors	26 to 30 June Factory Theatre or King St Theatre, Marrickville	A play about the reality of the lives of CALD women. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$4,000	\$0

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A Day with Alexander the Great Panayiotis Diamadis Pan-Macedonian Association of NSW	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Primarily Hellenic (Greek). Also Italian, Chinese, Indian, Arabic and Assyrian / cross generational	23 June Alexander the Great Greek Macedonian Club, Livingstone Road, Marrickville	All-day festival at the Alexander the Great Macedonian Club celebrating the life and legacy of Alexander the Great. The day will involve a film screening, food and wine tasting, music and dance performances, HSC Ancient History revision lectures and more. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5,000	\$0
Identity in the Sand Eleni Eleftherias Hellenic Culture Art Sympraxis Inc	Other: Music & Visual Display	Greek, Anglo-Australian and Aboriginal / cross generational	21 and 28 June CASI at the VAULT, 837 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill	Concert of original lyrics and music by Eleni Eleftherias and George Moudanidis on two separate evenings. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5,000	\$0
Alex & Eve: The Full Story Alex Lykos Buildog Theatre Company Inc	Theatre	The focus is on Greek and Arabic cultural groups but the play and its themes are relevant to all cross cultural groups / High school students, 18-25 years old, 26-50 years old, 50 years +, Seniors	20 to 23 June Factory Theatre, 105 Victoria Rd, Marrickville	Alex & Eve: The Full Story is a contemporary theatrical production for the wider Marrickville community about the union of a Greek-Orthodox man and a Lebanese Muslim woman and the comedic complications that come with a cross-religious marriage. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$4,000	\$0

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Fundamentals of Acting Workshops Dimitra Lafazanios Greek Festival of Sydney	Workshop	Multicultural / Primary school students, High school students	22, 23, 29 and 30 June Sidetrack Theatre or Fusebox Theatre (Factory Theatre), Marrickville	Working in collaboration with Bulldog theatre to conduct theatre workshops over 2-3 days for secondary school kids to provide kids with the fundamental basics of acting, focusing on multiculturalism. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5000	\$0
For Art's Sake Luke Leonard Family Resource and Network Support Inc (FRANS)	Workshop	People living with a disability / cross generational	30 June Addison Road Gallery, The Addison Road Community Centre, 142 Addison Road, Marrickville	For Art's Sake: a series of workshops and an exhibition enabling people with disabilities and mainstream artists the opportunity to participate collectively in the arts. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5,000	\$0
Hand sewing techniques at Community Threads Victoria Ladas Community Threads	Workshop	A multi cultural event / cross generational	20 and 27 June Marrickville	'Back to basics' hand sewing workshops. Learn all the basic decorative stitches, back stitch, blanket stitch, handmade button holes. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$ 4,000	\$0

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Respect' workshop series and exhibition Steve Clarke	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Inclusive event designed to target all cultures / cross generational	20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29 and 30 June The Bower, Addison Road Centre, 142 Addison Rd, Marrickville	'Respect' - A series of workshops and Exhibition featuring objects made from re-used and 'upcycled' materials, bucking modern materialistic 'throw away' culture, and giving respect to our cultural traditions and skills, the wisdom of our elders, and the planet we share. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$5000	\$0
Latin Garden @ ARC's Movie Night Pilar Angon Ethnic Communities Council of NSW	Other: Movie Night	Spanish Speaking Community / cross generational	22 June Addison Road Centre, Marrickville	Latin Garden @ Addison Rd Centre is a movie night. An evening of film, story-sharing and live music. A cross generational experience, celebrating Latin American ways to tackle environmental issues related to food here and on the other side of the world. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$4000	\$0
Unbarring UnBard Gaye Fleming Sunnyfield	A combination - festival, dance, music, community event	Sunnyfield Marrickville Day Options is attended by a diverse multi cultural group so no particular cultural group will be targeted / cross generational	26 June Marrickville Day Options Centre, DOP Innerwest Community Services, Unit 9 102-112 Edingburgh Road, Marrickville	An open day event celebrating the works of 18 people living with disability showcasing previous creative skill sets in producing documenting creating art and performing that have been funded by Marrickville council over the last 3 years. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$ 4990	\$0

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Fashion and Marrickville Empower Anita McAdam	Workshop	Vietnamese, Chinese, middle eastern / cross generational	24 to 26 June Studio Faro, 1/247 Marrickville Road, Marrickville	I propose a training program to up-skill local sample garment machinists in the fashion industry to pattermaking roles. Marrickville has a good-sized fashion sector involving the local multicultural community. This training will improve their employability and increase their potential earnings. <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$4640	\$0
The Magic of Big Brass with Paint to Music Judith Dickins Leichhardt Celebrity Brass	Music	Music will be from multiple cultures & will build audience familiarity with different cultural styles / Primary school students High school students 26-50 years old	23 June Locations being investigated: Marrickville Town Hall, Alex Trevallion Plaza, Mville Metro, Dulwich Hill Salvation Army hall.	Entertaining program of cross-cultural brass music with guest band from local school and individual performers across a 2 hour duration, with participative segments and 'paint to music' for kids <i>This application is not recommended for funding as other applications were considered to have greater merit.</i>	\$4400	\$0

Item No: C1212(1) Item 8
Subject: REVIEW OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND DELEGATIONS
File Ref: 1310-03/76486.12

Prepared By: Monique Dunlop - Manager, Governance and Risk

SYNOPSIS

At its meeting on 25 September 2012, Council resolved that two new Committees be adopted and that a further report be presented back to Council providing further information about the Committees including a suite of delegations to support the new Committee structure.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. receives and notes the report;
2. revokes all previous delegations to Committees and adopts the Committee Structure, Names, Membership, Functions and Delegations as outlined in ATTACHMENT 1 to commence in February 2013;
3. revokes all previous delegations to the Mayor and delegates to the Mayor the Mayors Delegations contained in the Instrument of Delegation as ATTACHMENT 2;
4. revokes all previous delegations to the General Manager and delegates to the General Manager the General Manager's Delegations contained in the Instrument of Delegation at ATTACHMENT 3;
5. authorises the Mayor to sign each Delegation Instrument on behalf of Council pursuant to this resolution;
6. amends Appendix 2, Committee Delegations to the Code of Meeting practice and notes the review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be reported back to Council in February 2013; and
7. officers review the efficiency and effectiveness of the new Committee Structure and report back to Council by June 2013.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 25 September, Council resolved:

THAT:

1. *As an interim measure Council adopt the existing meeting structure, including the existing times, dates and place of the Ordinary Council Meetings and the meetings of the Development Assessment Committee;*
2. *Council determines, in relation to the Development Assessment Committee:*
 - (a) *that all councillors shall be members of the Committee;*
 - (b) *that the current DAC instrument of delegation continue until further notice;*
 - (c) *to elect a chairperson, and that chairperson be elected; and*
 - (d) *to elect a Deputy Chairperson, and that a Deputy Chairperson be elected.*

3. *That two new Standing Committees be established, namely an Infrastructure Services Committee and a Corporate/Community Services Committee, each to commence operation from February 2013;*
4. *That the Chairpersons of these committees be as follows:
The Mayor conducted the election by show of hands for the Chair of the Development Assessment Committee with Councillors voting as follows: Clr Iskandar - 6 votes; Clr Leary - 4 votes; 2 Clrs abstained from the vote.
The Mayor conducted the election by show of hands for the Deputy Chair of the Development Assessment Committee with Councillors voting as follows:
Clr Tyler - 7 votes; Clr Leary - 5 votes.
Development Assessment Committee: Councillor Iskandar as the Chairperson with Councillor Tyler as Deputy Chairperson
Community/Corporate Services Committee: Councillor Tsardoulis as the Chairperson with Councillor Brooks as the Deputy Chairperson.
Infrastructure Services Committee: Councillor Tyler as the Chairperson with Councillor Ellsmore as the Deputy Chairperson.*
5. *That consistent with the provisions of Section 380 of the Local Government Act (requiring Council to review all delegations within 12 months of each election) a report be prepared for the 20th November 2012 Council meeting advising of the resources needed to operate the additional Standing Committees, and;*
 - (a) that the report include an option of holding the additional committee meetings monthly in lieu of the first monthly Council meeting;*
 - (b) that the report be based upon the committees being held in sequence so that all councillors can attend each committee;*
 - (c) that the report canvass an appropriate suite of delegations for each proposed committee and the General Manager with a view to ensuring that the outcomes are cohesive, workable and effective;*
 - (d) that a councillor workshop be held with senior staff prior to the completion of the report to ensure that the Council's preferred outcomes are understood; and*
6. *Council review the deadlines for the submission of Councillor Notices of Motion.*

DISCUSSION

The objectives of the new Committee structure are to provide a mechanism for Council to receive more information reports about the activities of each Directorate of Council and to provide greater opportunity to develop the chairing skills of Councillors.

PROPOSED COMMITTEES

It is proposed, that in order to achieve these objectives the following Committee structure be established, commencing operation in February 2013:

1. Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee
2. Corporate and Community Services Committee
3. Development Assessment Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIR

In addition to the Mayor, who is automatically a member of all Committees, all Committees will be committees of the whole, that is made up of all twelve Councillors. Seven Councillors are required for a quorum.

The Mayor chairs all Standing Committees except where he chooses not to do so, in which case the chair is a Committee member elected by Council. If the Mayor does not wish to chair and the Council has not elected a chair, then the Committee must elect a chair. In practice, the Committee Chairs will be elected at the Extraordinary meeting of Council held annually in September.

At its meeting on 25 September 2012, Council resolved that the Chairpersons of these committees be as follows:

Infrastructure Services Committee: Councillor Tyler as the Chairperson with Councillor Ellsmore as the Deputy Chairperson

Community/Corporate Services Committee: Councillor Tsardoulis as the Chairperson with Councillor Brooks as the Deputy Chairperson.

Development Assessment Committee: Councillor Iskandar as the Chairperson with Councillor Tyler as Deputy Chairperson

MEETING DAYS AND TIMES

The Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services and Corporate and Community Services Committees will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm.

It is expected that Local Pedestrian, Cyclist and Traffic Calming Advisory Committee items would be reported through the Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee, given these items tend to attract a significant number of public requests to address, it is proposed the Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services Committee meeting commence at 6.30pm and be followed directly by the Corporate and Community Services Committee.

The Development Assessment Committee will continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm.

MEETINGS PRACTICE AND REPORTING

As part of the Committee restructure, Councillors have requested additional information reports including performance reporting about the activities of each Directorate. Some of these reports are currently provided as part of the Councillor briefing notes. The provision of information reports on the activities of each Directorate to the new Committees will replace the information reports currently provided in the briefing notes.

Examples of the types of reports expected to be put to Committees:

Infrastructure Planning and Environment Committee	Corporate and Community Services Committee	Development Assessment Committee	Council Meeting
Traffic Committee matters Land use planning matters Monitoring services matters Infrastructure program works updates Works and Services Performance Report Investigation and Design Infrastructure Planning Performance Report Monitoring Services Matters Environmental Service Reports – Grants; Program updates Green Living Centre	Events program updates and reports Arts and cultural grants Children and Family services reports- updates to regulations etc Library and History Services performance reports Community D'ment program reports Investment Reporting Major donations to History Collection Summer and Winter Sports Ground Allocations Recreation Facilities performance reports Community Development Grants and Clubgrants	Development Assessment matters	Operational and delivery plan reporting Pricing policy – fees and charges Quarterly budget adjustments Budget reporting Tenders Adoption of new policies Notice of Motion Questions on Notice

It is proposed that the two new Committees, would adopt a less formal meetings practice to provide increased interaction between Councillors and staff and a more informal forum for the exchange of ideas, including the ability for staff to present when appropriate or requested. Given the quantity of business considered at the Development Assessment Committee, it is not proposed to introduce presentations to that Committee. All the current provisions under Section 26 of the Code of Meeting Practice relating to the public addressing Council will be maintained.

A review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be presented to the first Council Meeting in February 2013 including new provisions for presentations by staff, consultants, government representatives, authorities and other groups.

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COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership	All councillors
Quorum	Seven councillors
Meeting date, place and time	First Tuesday of each month from February – December commencing at 6.30pm in the Council Chambers
Casting vote:	Chairperson
Delegation	See attached draft instrument of delegation
Charter	To consider and determine matters relating to the provision of Council's Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services
Public participation	Public participation will be in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This allows for 3 minutes per registered speaker, with a possible extension of 3 minutes.
Advertising	Meetings will be advertised on Council's website and column
Minutes	Minutes of meetings will be adopted by the Committee at its next meeting and published on Council's website

Corporate and Community Services Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership	All councillors
Quorum	Seven councillors
Meeting date, place and time	First Tuesday of each month from February – December immediately following the Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services Committee in the Council Chambers
Casting vote:	Chairperson
Delegation	See attached draft instrument of delegation
Charter	To consider and determine issues relating to the provision of Council's Corporate and Community Services
Public participation	Public participation will be in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This allows for 3 minutes per registered speaker, with a possible extension of 3 minutes.
Advertising	Meetings will be advertised on Council's website and column
Minutes	Minutes of meetings will be adopted by the Committee at its next meeting and published on Council's website

DELEGATIONS

The table below shows the suite of delegations currently administered:

Delegation Instrument	Date of Last Update	Requirement for Update
Committee Constitution and Committee Delegations	2011	Within first twelve months of each term of office of Council. In practice Marrickville Council reviews it's Committee Delegations on an annual basis when determining it's meeting cycle and Committee structure.
Mayor's Delegations	2009	Within first twelve months of each term of office of Council.
General Manager's Delegations	2009	Within first twelve months of each term of office of Council.
Sub Delegations to Council Staff	August 2012	As required.
Note: These are administrative sub delegations made by the General Manager		

In accordance with the Local Government Act requirement, Council officers must review Delegations within 12 months of an election.

No changes are proposed to the Mayor's or General Manager's Delegations (as attached) at the current time.

As Committees of the Whole, it is proposed that the two new Committees be delegated all the functions of Council relevant to the matters prescribed in the delegations instrument subject to the limitations prescribed in the attached.

To avoid duplication of reporting matters that cannot be delegated to Committees as recommended items, then recommending the resolution of the Committee to Council for adoption, it is proposed that only those matters the Committee has delegated authority to decide be put to Committee. Other matters outside of the Committee's delegation, should be referred directly to Council.

It is not proposed to change the current operation of the Development Assessment Committee whereby it considers matters outside of its delegation as recommended items and then opens a Council Development Matters at the conclusion of the DAC meeting to adopt its recommendations.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Council currently runs, publishes and distributes the Business Papers one (1) week in advance of each committee/council meeting.

The Local Government Act requires that the General Manager of a Council must send to each Councillor, at least 3 days before each meeting of the council (or Committee), a notice specifying the time and place at which and the date on which the meeting is to be held and the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting. The day of issue and the day of the meeting are not to be counted as days of notice. Therefore, Council's legislative requirement is to issue the agenda no later than the Friday, prior to the Tuesday meeting.

The Tuesday distribution deadline of the business paper one week prior to the meeting was adopted to:

1. improve efficiency in the Business Paper distribution process by eliminating the need to undertake a full councillor delivery on two of the three weeks of the month by distributing the Business Paper at the Council or Committee meeting held one week prior.
2. provide sufficient time to post copies of the business papers to subscribing media outlets, the preferred format for all media subscribers apart from the Telegraph
3. provide adequate notice to the public to give consideration to meeting agenda reports and the proposed recommendations and prepare to address the meeting.

The Notice of Motion deadline is currently 9am two (2) Thursdays before the scheduled Council meeting. The deadline has been set to allow sufficient time (4 business days) prior to the publication of the Business Paper for Council officers to prepare detailed comments on the resource implications to implement the proposed motion, bearing in mind that often more than one section of Council is required to provide comments.

Should Councillors consider it necessary to move the deadline for the receipt of Notice of Motions, it should be noted that a reduction in the Notice of Motion lead time may impact on the detail of advice staff can provide on the resource implications to Council of implementing the Motion.

It is recommended that any change to the deadline for Councillors Notices of Motion be included as part of the review of the Code of Meeting practice to be reported to Council at the first meeting of 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

Nil.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT Council:**

1. receives and notes the report;
2. revokes all previous delegations to Committees and adopts the Committee Structure, Names, Membership, Functions and Delegations as outlined in ATTACHMENT 1 to commence in February 2013;
3. revokes all previous delegations to the Mayor and delegates to the Mayor the Mayors Delegations contained in the Instrument of Delegation as ATTACHMENT 2;
4. revokes all previous delegations to the General Manager and delegates to the General Manager the General Manager's Delegations contained in the Instrument of Delegation at ATTACHMENT 3;
5. authorises the Mayor to sign each Delegation Instrument on behalf of Council pursuant to this resolution;
6. amends Appendix 2, Committee Delegations to the Code of Meeting practice and notes the review of the Code of Meeting Practice will be reported back to Council in February 2013; and
7. officers review the efficiency and effectiveness of the new Committee Structure and report back to Council by June 2013.

Brian Barrett
Director, Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Delegations

ATTACHMENT 1

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS 2012

Pursuant to a resolution made at a duly convened meeting held on 20 November 2012, Marrickville Council:

- (a) revokes the instruments relating to the constitution and delegations to its committees that we made and granted on November 2011; and
- (b) pursuant to sections 373 and 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 and clause 260 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 establishes the following committees and delegates them the powers specified below.

Mayor

Date:

Structure of Committees

Name of Committee	Membership	Function of Committees
<i>Development Assessment Committee</i>	All Councillors	<p>The functions of the Council relating to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - development assessment - authorisation of submissions on applications to be determined by the Joint Regional Planning Panel
<i>Corporate and Community Services Committee</i>	All Councillors	<p>The functions of the Council relating to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - children and family services; - cultural services; - community development; - library and history services; - community facilities and recreation services; - management and strategic planning; - financial matters; - administrative and governance matters; - customer service matters; - information systems and communications technology matters; - legal services; - property services - people and workforce matters;

Name of Committee	Membership	Function of Committees
		- economic development matters.
<i>Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee</i>	All Councillors	<p>The functions of the Council relating to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - environmental services; - land use policy; - planning services; - monitoring services; - regulation and compliance; - infrastructure asset planning; - infrastructure works and services; - parks and reserves; - resource recovery services; - streetscape services; - infrastructure investigation and design.

Delegations to Committees

Name of Committee	Functions delegated
<i>Development Assessment Committee</i> <i>Corporate and Community Services Committee</i> <i>Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Committee</i>	<p>For each Committee, the functions of the Council:</p> <p>(a) being functions not prohibited from being delegated under any Act;</p> <p>(b) except those specifically excluded by resolution of the Council and where the Council resolves to amend the Committee's delegation accordingly; or</p> <p>(c) except if before the Committee votes on a recommendation, the Mayor serves a notice in writing on the Chairperson remitting the matter to the Council for decision.</p>

ATTACHMENT 2

MAYOR'S DELEGATIONS

(Instrument of Delegation)

Pursuant to section 377 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 and a resolution made at a Council meeting held on 4 December 2012, Marrickville Council:

1. revokes all delegations granted to the Mayor prior to the date of this Instrument.
2. delegates to the Mayor of the Council, or to the Councillor acting in the Office of Mayor, the following functions and powers subject to any limitation, condition or restriction expressly provided:

Particulars of Delegation	Power/Function	Condition/Limitation
Legal proceedings	The function of deciding to bring, appear in or settle proceedings in a court or other tribunal (or any other quasi-legal proceedings) involving the Council.	Only with the concurrence of the General Manager, responsible Director and Principal Solicitor.
Expenditure	The function of entering into a contract or authorising expenditure of an amount not exceeding \$50,000.	Within a vote of money for expenditure by the Council. Only with the concurrence of the General Manager for an amount over \$10,000.
Administration	The power to execute all documents ancillary or incidental to the exercise of these delegations.	

- Where any function or power provided by these delegations is amended by a subsequent Act or Regulation, the delegation continues with respect to the provision of the Act or Regulation so amended.
- A written record of the exercise of any of the above delegations must be made and signed and dated. The reasons for not exercising a delegation in accordance with a recommendation by a Council officer must be recorded in writing by the Mayor.
- If a delegation requires the Mayor to concur with a specified person or persons, a written record of that concurrence must be made and signed and dated by the person who is required to concur.

Clr Victor Macri
Mayor

ATTACHMENT 3

GENERAL MANAGER'S DELEGATIONS

(Instrument of Delegation)

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Pursuant to section 377 of the *Local Government Act* 1993 and a resolution made at the Council meeting held on 4 December 2012, Marrickville Council:

1. revokes all delegations granted to the General Manager prior to the date of this Instrument.
2. delegates to the General Manager of the Council, or to the person acting in the position of General Manager, all the powers and functions of the Council that it may under any Act of Parliament lawfully delegate:
 - a. other than the functions prescribed in section 377(1) of the *Local Government Act* 1993 as functions which may not be delegated; and
 - b. subject to the limitations set out in Schedule 1 of this Instrument and to compliance with any resolution or policy of the Council.

Clr Victor Macri

Mayor

Date:

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SCHEDULE 1 – GENERAL MANAGER’S DELEGATIONS

Power/function	Condition/Limitation
Public land - the administration of Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> 1993.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Except the power to adopt a draft plan of management. 2. Except the power to grant consent to a development application to which section 47E of the <i>Local Government Act</i> applies.
Contracts - to enter into contracts not required by section 55 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> to be the subject of a tender.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within a vote of money for expenditure by the Council
Approvals - to determine applications for approval (including applications to review and amend) under Part 1 of Chapter 7 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not applications for review of approval applications previously determined by the General Manager or the Council.
Local orders and approvals policies - the function of administering Part 3 of Chapter 7 of the <i>Local Government Act</i> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Except the adoption or revocation of a local approvals or orders policy.
Local environmental plans and development control plans - the function of administering the making of a local environmental plan and/or development control plan under Division 4 of Part 3 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i> and the regulation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Except the decision to prepare and adopt a draft local environmental plan or draft development control plan.
Part 4 applications (development, review and modification applications) - the function of determining all applications pursuant to Part 4 of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i> and the regulation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not development applications involving designated development. 2. Not applications for review which involve development applications previously determined by the General Manager or the Council or the Development and Environmental Services Committee. 3. Not development applications for brothels or other sex services premises except where such application is to be refused due to the submission of inadequate information. 4. Not to be exercised in circumstances where three Councillors notify the Director Development & Environmental Services or Manager Development Assessment (with such notification to include reasons) of a request to refer the determination of a development, review or modification application to the Development and Environmental Services Committee. 5. Not a revocation or modification of a development consent under section 96A of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i>.

Power/function	Condition/Limitation
Crown development or modification applications - the function of considering and making a decision with respect to development applications and modification applications made by the Crown under Part 5A of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act</i> and the regulation.	1. Not to be exercised in circumstances where three (3) councillors notify the Director Development & Environmental Services or Manager Development Assessment (with such notification to include reasons) of a request to refer the determination of an application to the Development and Environmental Services Committee.
Roads - all of the powers and functions of the Council under the <i>Roads Act</i> 1993 and regulation.	1. Except the power to decide to make an application to close a public road.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 9**Subject:** STREET EVENTS**File Ref:** 3517-04/76033.12**Prepared By:** Stella Ford - Manager, Community Development**SYNOPSIS**

At the 6 November 2012 Council meeting, a Notice of Motion supporting the benefits of neighbours coming together for barbeques in their neighbourhoods was put forward, with a request for a report on the development and implementation of a 'Marrickville Council Street Parties Program'.

This report outlines a proposed approach and highlights further work that needs to be done to investigate the feasibility of purchasing, monitoring and maintaining a Street Party Kit.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. **Council support the promotion of Street Parties within the Two Way Street campaign and the Groundwork program; and this be launched on Australia Day for future street parties; and**
2. **a further report is prepared investigating the feasibility of purchasing, monitoring and maintaining a Street Party Kit.**

BACKGROUND

At the 6/11/2012 Marrickville Council Meeting Councillors Hayden and Tsardoulis put forward a Notice of Motion, Council resolved the following:

THAT Council:

1. Acknowledges the benefits of making it easier for neighbours to come together in their streets, front yards or laneways including:
 - Building communities, fostering cooperation, understanding and respect between neighbours;
 - revitalising streets and laneways by fostering pride in the area, which may reduce instances of graffiti and dumping; and
 - making streets and laneways safer places for all residents.
2. Direct that a report be prepared on the development and implementation of a 'Marrickville Council Street Parties Program', such report to address at least the following matters:
 - a brochure or webpage containing a step by step guide for residents to plan a street or laneway party
 - a street party checklist for party organisers;
 - a simple online form to cover insurance and road closure arrangements (if required);

- a template street party invitation; and
 - a 'party kit' for use by residents including appropriate signage, a barbeque and gas bottle and barricades to close their street or laneway.
3. direct that the report be completed in time for the Street Parties Program to commence in 2013, with a view to holding a launch on Australia Day.

DISCUSSION

The Notice of Motion is very much in line with a project that is already in development. The Community Development team is developing a campaign that will be called the "Two Way Street" campaign to acknowledge that it is about both giving and receiving to contribute to a connected local community. It will support achievement of the Strategic Plan outcome Communities Feel Safe and Connected. One of the issues that has been identified through working with the community is that some residents, particularly older residents, are socially isolated hence this proposed campaign has a focus on addressing social isolation through encouraging and supporting people to get to know their neighbours. The campaign would also build on the resources that the Environmental team is developing to support the work they are doing to promote establishment of Neighbourhood action groups as part of the Groundwork program (see attached flyer).

It was originally intended that the campaign would be launched in early April 2013 to leverage off the International Neighbour Day celebrated on 29 March 2013. Their aims align with the aims of Two Way Street, the five aims of Neighbour Day are:

1. Strengthen communities and build better relationships with the people who live around us.
2. Create safer, healthier and more vibrant suburbs and towns.
3. Promote tolerance, respect and understanding.
4. Break down community barriers.
5. Protect the elderly, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

Neighbour Day provides a website (<http://www.neighbourday.org/>) to register events and a resource kit for having an event in the neighbourhood, which could be linked to the Council website.

The Two Way Street Campaign would include an online resource kit with information and templates for getting to know your neighbours, looking out for older residents and developing a range of neighbourhood activities including street parties and smaller events, a model traffic management plan for street parties and an application form for street parties. The Community Development Team is able to develop these resources within existing budget, but do not have budget for purchasing a street party kit.

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STREET PARTY KIT

If a street party kit is to be provided by the Council it could include a heavy duty barbeque and tools, a fire extinguisher, barriers and signage to block off the road and would require a trailer to transport the kit. Estimated costs for one kit are as follows;

Heavy Duty Barbeque	\$2,000
Barbeque tools	\$100
4 x Barrier Board Barricades@ \$100 each	\$400
Road Closure Signage	\$200
7 x 4 Heavy Duty Cage Trailer to transport kit	\$1500
Fire Extinguisher	\$140
Total Kit	\$4,340

Officers have not had time to explore how much would be required for ongoing maintenance of a street party kit, or how the hireage and management of it would be resourced. The most appropriate place for storage of such equipment and return of equipment (which would then have to be assessed for damage) would be the Depot. The booking, payment of bonds and lodgement of forms would be the Citizens Service Centre. This would also have to be coordinated with reports back from Waste Services regarding any additional clean-up required.

With the equipment on a trailer, the applicant would require access to a vehicle with a tow bar. ABS Census data (2011) shows 19.7% (6,332 people) in the Marrickville LGA do not own a car compared to 11.8% across Greater Sydney. It might prove to be easier for the coordinator to hire this equipment from a hire company. The costs will be explored in a future report.

The purchase, monitoring and maintenance of a Street Party Kit, would require a feasibility study investigating appropriate and workable procedures to ensure Council's liability and responsibilities for the delivery of the Street Party Kit are met.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The "Guide to Traffic & Transport management for Special Events" is a multiagency guideline which sets out the process and considerations for special events impacting traffic.

An event "Class" is assigned based on the potential impact to traffic and the surrounding community. (See attached Matrix).

Typically one would expect a local Street Party on a minor residential street to be a "Class 3" event. This would however be subject to Council assessment and police concurrence at the time of application and would depend very much on the street in question.

The process on receipt of application for Class 3 event would be as follows:

1. If the intention is to regulate traffic access by the use of signs or barriers (for other than council roadworks) it is a statutory requirement for the proposed temporary closure to be advertised for 28 days. This would normally be accompanied by a letter drop to affected residents and this should be done by the applicant (a proforma letter would be in the online kit).
2. Depending on the road impacted, a Traffic Control Plan prepared by qualified persons may be required for roads having through traffic. For street events in cul-de-sacs or dead ends this is unlikely to be required.

3. Following the advertising period the application is considered by Council's Traffic Committee. Traffic Committee recommendations need to be endorsed by Council before they can be implemented. To expedite the application process it should be recommended that council delegate that authority in relation to street parties to the General Manager.
4. There are fees and charges applicable to road closure applications which also cover the advertising costs. There would also be a cost associated with the supply and collection of barriers and signs if this was to be arranged by Council's works section. There are rates provided in the fees and charges for this service. The applicant could hire these themselves, or they could be provided in a resource kit.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE AND OTHER ISSUES

It is advised that Council require all street party co-coordinators to possess Public Liability Insurance of at least \$10,000,000 as Council insurer will not cover such activities which are not organised and controlled by council personnel, without additional premiums and policies to be taken out (fees have yet to be determined). Council legal advice is that all street party co-ordinators should complete an indemnity and release form.

It is recommended that street parties are held between the hours of 11 am – 5pm to reduce the risk of sound related issues and other risks associated with road closures and traffic diversion.

The guidelines would state that any rubbish and clean up is the responsibility of the organiser and if this does not occur that the Council may ask for cost recovery.

OTHER COUNCIL EXAMPLES

Manly Council has a similar program called Meet Your Street. They require six weeks' notice by application and attendance at an informal induction workshop. A traffic management plan is also required. For minor events such as street parties which close residential roads that do not have a through road function, the plan is considered by the Manly Local traffic Committee and is approved by the General Manager or duly delegated officer.

Advertising is the responsibility of the event organiser. It is expected that all affected stakeholders (Police, Council, etc) and residents are given timely notice. No parties are allowed on public holidays, and the Council has the discretion to limit the number of parties held during each week. They also have the discretion to fine the street party organiser up to \$500 if requirements are not adhered to. They do not provide any further resources.

The Greater Shepparton Council in Victoria provides online resources and hire a barbeque kit. They do not cover the organiser for Public Liability Insurance.

The Banyule Council in Victoria provide online resources and a street party kit including a gas barbeque (which they charge a deposit for), and umbrellas. Every Neighbourhood Street Party is required to have \$10 Million Public Liability Insurance Policy. They offer a limited number of free Public Liability Insurance covers on application (staff will investigate this further). They require 35 days notice for a road closure and all affected residents need to agree to this. A traffic management plan is required and Council staff will supply and erect road closure equipment but may charge for this service. The Council has two road closure kits.

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CONCLUSION

The concept of promoting street parties is widely supported as enhancing neighbourliness and building social cohesion, particularly in terms of building grass roots action around particular interests, such as keeping streets clean, beautifying streets, sharing skills and tools and building intergenerational and cross-cultural understanding.

Marrickville Police have been consulted in relation to their involvement in maintaining safety and development of community relationships for street parties. In regard to the timing of street parties, they strongly recommend that these events are discouraged on dates that major events are being held, such as Australia Day, Mardi Gras etc, because their resources are fully committed at such times. It is suggested that a campaign that included street parties could be launched the weekend after Easter to align with Neighbour Day.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The online kit can be resourced within existing Community Development budget. However, if the Council chooses to offer a barbeque resource kit, there is currently no budget allocated for this and it is not yet clear what would be required for ongoing maintenance, storage and management of such a kit.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

This report was developed with input from the Manager, Investigation and Design, the Events Coordinator and the Property/Legal Services Coordinator.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT:**

1. Council support the promotion of Street Parties within the Two Way Street campaign and the Groundwork program; and this be launched on Australia Day for future street parties; and
2. a further report is prepared investigating the feasibility of purchasing, monitoring and maintaining a Street Party Kit.

Simone Schwarz
Director, Community Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Groundworks - neighbourhood action group factsheet FINAL for website
2. Traffic Management

How to start a Neighbourhood Action Group

Forming your own **Neighbourhood Action Group** or **Street Pride Group** is a great way to meet your neighbours and create a sense of community whilst working on a project together. It's a fun way to share ideas, interests and to work on something to improve our community. Here are a few easy steps to get you started:

1. Starting your group

- ✓ Find one or two other residents, perhaps a friendly neighbour, who can provide ongoing support. Work out the purpose of the group - What are you trying to do? Is it to clean up the streets, plant out the verge gardens, share skills, borrow tools or help out your elderly neighbours?

2. Inviting others to join

- ✓ Use flyers listing a time, date, place and reason for your first meeting or just knock on doors and introduce yourself. Invite everyone in the street (including businesses) - not just the people you are already friendly with. Create a facebook page or email listing with phone numbers.

3. Being a good neighbour

- ✓ If you have an elderly neighbour or a neighbour with a disability, you can play a key role in making their lives a little easier just by making yourself available and looking out for them. In doing this, you could be providing some valuable help where it's needed and you might also make a new friend. It may be as simple as helping take out the rubbish bin.
- ✓ If you notice that they may need some assistance - Contact Council on 9335 2222 during business hours or email council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au with your daytime contact details.
- ✓ If your neighbour doesn't speak English, the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) can help them communicate with Local Government and community services. Phone 131 450 for assistance.
- ✓ Alternatively, Council has access to staff who speak some of our major community languages (Arabic, Greek, Italian, Mandarin, Portuguese, Tagalog-Filipino, Vietnamese). Phone 9335 2222 for further information.
- ✓ For more information on being a good neighbour to the elderly, a quick Google search can provide useful tips, for example: <http://www.wikihow.com/Look-Out-for-an-Older-Neighbour>





Tool Share



4. Holding your first meeting

- ✓ Welcome everyone and explain the purpose of the group. Start a conversation by asking everyone where they live, what they would like to do and share any thoughts.
- ✓ Agree on a regular time and day for future meetings or activities e.g. the first Sunday of the month.
- ✓ Don't be disappointed if not many people turn up at first. Numbers will grow as the word spreads and others start to see some positive changes and decide to join.

5. Conducting ongoing activities

- ✓ Send an email to the group a few days before each activity or meeting as a reminder. You can also use this as an opportunity to update the group on the progress of activities or achievements that have been made.
- ✓ Some groups use social media such as Facebook to share photos and to maintain contact. Remember elderly group members may appreciate a face-to-face update even if they can't take part in activities.

6. Working with Council

- ✓ Marrickville Council can often provide services such as concrete cutting, graffiti removal, tree planting etc. Council have guidelines that determine what you can do along your street verge or can tell you what you need to do to hold a street party. Working closely with Council will also help the group to meet the standards of activities like tree planting - so that they don't need to be removed.

7. Spreading the news

- ✓ Approach your local newspaper and see if they would like to write an article on the group. It is good to celebrate your achievements and let others know what you are doing. This could encourage them to start their own Neighbourhood Action Group.



Work with Council – We can help in many ways, so call the Community Sustainability Team on 9335 2222!

Special Event Planning & Resource Matrix

Event Class	Description	Features	Examples	Lead Times for Agency Approvals	Police Fees	Council Fees	RTA Fees	Transport Mgt Plan	Risk Management Plans (Traffic Control) under OH&S ACT 2000	Advertise Transport Management Arrangements	Liability Insurance	Special Event Clearway, Heavy Vehicle Detours	Public Transport	Emergency Vehicle & Local Access	Parking	Contingency planning
1	A Class 1 event: <ul style="list-style-type: none">impacts major traffic and transport systemsdisrupts the non-event community over a wide arearequires the involvement of Police, one or more Councils and the RTArequires a detailed Transport Management Planrequires advertising the event's traffic aspects to a wide audience.	A Class 1 event may: <ul style="list-style-type: none">be conducted on-road or in its own venueinvolve trusts and authorities when using facilities managed by theminvolve Transport NSWinvolve the State Rail and State Transit Authoritiesinvolve private bus and coach organisationsimpact the road transport industryrequire RTA to provide special event clearwaysrequire RTA to provide heavy vehicle detour routesrequire the RTA to adjust traffic signalsrequire RTA to manage Variable Message Signsdepending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">an event that affects a principal transport route in Sydney, oran event that reduces the capacity of the main highway through a country town, ora bicycle race that involves the Sydney Harbour Bridge.	Minimum 4 months from first approach to Council to proposed start date. 6 months for vehicle races.	Charges apply where: <i>"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."</i>	As described in Council's Special Events Policy. Asset rentals: refer to Council.	Marginal costs apply where services are provided above those normally provided to the community. RTA provides quote. Asset rentals: refer to RTA.	TMP model recommended	Traffic Control layouts drawn up by a qualified person and installed under the guidance of a qualified person recommended. Need to consider access for disabled persons.	28 days for all events that require regulation of traffic or where special event clearways in operation. Not required where there is no regulation of traffic.	Required with Council & Police (if Police User Pays in force) named on policy. Also RTA if using RTA asset. Certificate of currency required.	RTA arranges if required. RTA provides quote.	Promoted where practicable	Required. Refer to TMP.	May be required. Need to consider parking for disabled persons.	Recommended
2	A Class 2 event: <ul style="list-style-type: none">impacts local traffic and transport systems but does not impact major traffic and transport systemsdisrupts the non-event community in the area around the event but not over a wide arearequires the involvement of Police and Local Councilrequires a detailed Transport Management Planrequires advertising the event's traffic aspects to the local community.	A Class 2 event may: <ul style="list-style-type: none">be conducted on-road or in its own venueinvolve trusts and authorities when using facilities managed by theminvolve State Rail and the State Transit Authorityinvolve private bus and coach organisations.depending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">an event that blocks off the main street of a town or shopping centre but does not impact a principal transport route or a highwaya motor rally on local country roads.	Minimum 3 months. 3 months for vehicle races.	Charges apply where: <i>"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."</i>	As described in Council's Special Events Policy Asset rentals: refer to Council		TMP model recommended	Traffic Control layouts drawn up by a qualified person and installed under the guidance of a qualified person recommended. Need to consider access for disabled persons.	28 days for all events that require regulation of traffic or where special event clearways in operation. Not required where there is no regulation of traffic.	Required with Council & Police (if Police User Pays in force) named on policy. Certificate of currency required.		Promoted where practicable	Required. Refer to TMP.	May be required. Need to consider parking for disabled persons.	Recommended
3	A Class 3 event: <ul style="list-style-type: none">does not impact local or major traffic and transport systemsdisrupts the non-event community in the immediate area onlyrequires Local Council and Police consentis conducted on-street in a very low traffic area such as a dead-end or cul-de-sacrequires Police agreement that event qualifies as Class 3is never used for vehicle races.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A Class 3 event , depending on Local Council policy, may:require a simplified Transport Management Plannot be available in all Council areas.depending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.require advertising the event's traffic aspects to the community.	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">an on-street neighbourhood Christmas party.	Minimum 6 weeks	Charges apply where: <i>"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."</i>	As described in Council's Special Events Policy Asset rentals: refer to Council		Council may require TMP	Traffic Control layouts drawn up by a qualified person and installed under the guidance of a qualified person recommended. Need to consider access for disabled persons.	28 days for all events that require regulation of traffic. Not required where there is no regulation of traffic.	Required with Council & Police (if Police User Pays in force) named on policy. Certificate of currency required.			Required. Refer to TMP.		
4	A Class 4 event is intended for small on street events and: <ul style="list-style-type: none">requires Police consent onlyis within the capacity of the Police to manage on their ownis not a protest or demonstrationis always an on-street eventdoes not require RTA or Council consentdoes not require advertising the event's traffic aspects to the communitydoes not require a TMPdoes not require the involvement of other Government agencies.	A Class 4 event may: <ul style="list-style-type: none">be conducted on classified or unclassified roadscause zero to considerable disruption to the non-event communitycross Police Local Area Commands (LACs)cross Local Government Areas (LGAs)require Council and RTA to assist when requested by Policedepending on the nature of the event, invoke the Police "User Pays" policy.	For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a small ANZAC Day march in a country towna small parade conducted under Police escort.	Minimum 1 month	Charges apply where: <i>"it is deemed the services are specifically for the benefit of those organising and/or attending the event and not for the benefit of the public at large."</i>						Required if User Pays policy in force. Police named on policy. Certificate of currency required.					

Item No: C1212(1) Item 10

Subject: FACILITIES NEEDS RESEARCH - STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR
MARRICKVILLE REPORT

File Ref: 4001/72705.12

Prepared By: Josephine Bennett - Manager, Culture and Recreation

SYNOPSIS

Council is advised that the Facilities Needs Research Project has been completed and the report, *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville*, has been delivered by the project consultants, The Miller Group.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council endorses the report *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* for public exhibition for a period of 42 days, commencing on 14 January 2013.

BACKGROUND

Following the organisation review in 2010, the need for Council to collect current data on facilities to inform the development of a strategic position on the provision of facilities became apparent. These needs included anticipated new development, increasing densities in certain locations and the additional population as a result of new development. The research is applicable to plans of management for community land, a new section 94 contributions plan, property and asset management plans, leasing policy and operating procedures to meet the present and future requirements of the local community.

Council currently provides a broad range of community facilities to the community through direct management; as venues for hire; and as leased facilities. Current uses include arts and culture, childcare, libraries, and the provision of community services. Council has a long history in the provision of a broad facilities portfolio for community use that is accessible through location, cost and function.

The community facilities portfolio has developed over time and comprises purpose specific and adaptive use facilities that are located on community, Crown and operational lands. The facilities include town halls, community halls, meeting rooms and a range of small to medium stand alone facilities. Council also maintains a range of recreation specific facilities that are currently subject to review as part of a Recreation Needs Research Project that was completed in October 2011.

A comprehensive Review of Community Facilities was carried out in 2004 to ensure that Council's facilities met changing community expectations and needs and statutory requirements. In November 2004, Council adopted the recommendations of this review, which included:

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- changes to the existing fees and charges structure for the hiring of community facilities (including the definition of a not for profit organisation, an expression of interest process, new hourly rates, the definition of regular user and a revised approach to bonds);
- an agreement to review the leases and licences for community facilities to ensure that the uses meet the requirements of the Social Plan and are appropriate to the proposed location, and to adopt a revised approach, adopting Expressions of Interest, to be phased in following consultation or as vacancies occur;
- an agreement to limit licences and leases to a maximum period of 5 years, except where special circumstances may apply and the development of a pricing policy for tenanted community buildings;
- the consideration of the condition audit (part of the 2004 Review) in the 2005/06 Budget discussions and the application of any available funds in the remainder of 2004/05 for priority works; and
- the consideration of preparing and funding heritage conservation plans for all heritage listed properties under the control of the Community Services Directorate.

Council also resolved to further examine the proposed Community Facility Bond Structure that had been recommended in the 2004 Review. Subsequently, in December 2004, Council adopted a specific option for applying bonds for the short term hire of community facilities and following the mandatory public consultation period for the proposed changes to Council's fees and charges structure emanating from the adoption of the 2004 review, Council adopted, in March 2005, the proposed policy changes to the Hire of Community Facilities.

A Community Facilities Leasing Policy was adopted in 2007 and a review of Council's current leasing arrangements has been completed recently.

Research Project Consultants

The Miller Group, in partnership with BBC Consulting Planners were selected to undertake independent facilities needs research for Council due to their experience with local government, community consultation and Section 94 planning.

About the Research Project

The Miller Group was engaged to research a range of specific factors relating to local community facilities including:

1. undertaking comprehensive research on
 - current and projected demand for community facilities, including type, location, provision rates, desirable provision rates, catchments, user profiles;
 - current supply of community facilities, including type, location, catchments and user profiles;
 - the hierarchy of facilities and their catchments, taking in account facilities proposed in Council's new LEP and DCP, population and development projections and the location of anticipated new development;
 - assessment of current tenancies, activities and usage of Council's community facilities and issues by demographic details including social justice groups, accessibility and place of residence;
 - gap analysis, including the type and location of unmet demand for specific types of facilities and activities;
 - an analysis of requirements for new facilities or the relocation, extension or modification of existing facilities in order to meet future demand given the projected population increase; and
 - issues for further research, consideration or action relevant to the use of Council's community facilities;

2. based on projected population and demography (over 4,700 additional dwellings to 2031), advice on future demand and supply issues for community facilities including emerging trends and trans-LGA issues. Indicate the catchments of each facility and user profile. Where a facility provides several functions delineate and quantify those functions;
3. propose and cost new facilities, adaptive re-use and embellishments to inform the development of a new section 94 contributions plan. Provide the nexus between what is proposed and the needs of the incoming population and the work schedules to provide what is proposed. Clearly delineate and quantify how proposals meet the needs of existing and the additional population and provide an appropriate quantified apportionment of the cost between the existing and new population;
4. To investigate and establish the priority for the establishment of new community centres/meeting rooms in the population growth areas of St Peters and Lewisham; a dementia day care facility in Marrickville to service need for support type in the municipality; the proposed integrated children's services facility at Marrickville West Public School; and opportunities for the use of all parts of the Marrickville Town Hall following the transfer of the Marrickville Library to a new facility;
5. conducting an in-depth analysis of key issues, drivers, influencing factors and opportunities for growth;
6. identifying opportunities to achieve more sustainable community facilities, e.g. appropriate location, energy efficiency; and appropriate use including multipurpose uses; and
7. making recommendations regarding opportunities for Council in the strategic provision of community facilities.

DISCUSSION

Community Consultation

The Miller Group undertook an extensive consultation process from November 2011 to February 2012. A total of 347 people participated in consultations through:

1. Online general public survey;
2. Stakeholder survey;
3. Venue hirer survey;
4. Face to face meetings with community groups;
5. Intercept user surveys;
6. Staff survey and face to face meetings; and
7. Cross-departmental Council Working Party.

The consultation process was promoted through local newspapers, Council column, e-newsletter, posters and fliers, direct mail and phone calls, and staff were encouraged to promote the project through their networks.

The report details the outcomes of the consultation process on pages 125–179. Community feedback included:

- there is a lack of medium sized meeting spaces for 20 – 50 people;
- more low cost spaces for community organisations (education, social enterprise, creative) are needed;
- the condition of venues following other user groups and other operational management issues require review; and
- noise, reduced parking and waste issues with local residents around larger venues require review.

Positive community feedback centred on the following:

- accessibility and cleanliness of facilities;
- meeting rooms are very popular and well regarded;
- venues are well regarded and utilised - notably for social gatherings and dancing; and
- libraries highly rated for cleanliness, accessibility, public transport and operating times (Marrickville Library very popular).

Key improvements the community requested include:

- more medium size meeting spaces;
- operation and accessibility of venues;
- access to more low cost community spaces;
- Aboriginal needs;
- spaces for social and creative activities for young people;
- bus access for older people to major facilities; and
- improved maintenance and responsiveness to repair of facilities.

Facilities Audit

A key component of the research process included an audit of Council-owned facilities to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current supply. This included:

- physical inspection of facilities;
- services offered;
- planning data;
- accessibility;
- usage, occupancy and catchment; and
- building assessment, i.e. 'fit for purpose'.

Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville Report

The Miller Group undertook data analysis throughout February to May 2012 and submitted their draft report in May 2012. Copies of this report were distributed to the internal project working group, EMT, Managers and relevant staff at this time. Minor issues were identified and a revised final report was received in June 2012.

The report is structured as follows:

- The first part of the report includes an executive summary; and an introduction outlining the project brief and project methodology;
- Chapter 2 addresses the current policy context;
- Chapter 3 presents a profile of the community;
- Chapter 4 details the facilities audit;
- Chapter 5 presents the consultation process and findings;

- Chapter 6 presents the needs assessment and the implications for Council; and
- Chapter 7 provides a strategic framework and action plan for Council to use as the basis for future planning.

The independent report by The Miller Group presents a detailed analysis of Council's current community facilities portfolio and concludes:

- the existing facilities are heavily utilised;
- there are some unmet needs that can be met through operational improvements, use of vacant spaces and improved access to rooms at major recreation facilities;
- demand is expected to rise to 2031 in line with a 13.9% population increase;
- the current supply of facilities are dispersed across the LGA with gaps in South Marrickville and Sydenham/Tempe; and
- there are needs for flexible, well-used and well-designed community spaces.

Key recommendations of the report include:

- Two additional multi-purpose community centres, such as:
 1. upgraded or new facility at Seaview St
 2. new build facility at Sydenham Green
 3. new facility as part of or adjacent to the new library; and
- One additional childcare centre, with 47 places, with options such as:
 1. co-location with community centre on Seaview St site at Dulwich Hill
 2. vacant properties
 3. new facilities on Council owned parkland.

Project Outcomes and Integration

The research will be used to inform Council policy and strategy in relation to the facilities needs of the Marrickville LGA given anticipated new development, increasing development densities in certain locations and the additional population as a result of new development. Specifically, this will include the following:

- Section 94 Contributions Plan;
- Major Projects;
- Facilities Operating Policies and Procedures;
- Long-term Financial Plan; and
- Property Strategy.

Following public exhibition and feedback, and Council's adoption of the *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report, the recommendations will commence implementation.

CONCLUSION

The *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report is a comprehensive independent research and consultation project that provides Council with an important tool for effective planning for the facilities needs of Marrickville's current and future populations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations in the report, if adopted by Council will have significant and longer-term financial implications for Council. Section 6.8 of the report details the sources of funding and Section 6.9 discusses the long-term financial implications for Council.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

Feedback on the draft report was sought from key internal stakeholders including Director Community Services; Managers of Culture and Recreation (CR), Community Development, Children and Family Services, Library and History Services, Property Services, Planning Services, S94 Planner, Coordinator Recreation Planning and Programs, Team Leader Recreation and Facilities and Recreation Officer. This feedback was provided to the Miller Group for consideration and the report was amended accordingly. There will be further opportunity for staff feedback during the public exhibition period.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As detailed above, extensive consultation was undertaken as a key requirement of the project. It is proposed that the *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* report be placed on public exhibition for community feedback for 6 weeks from 14 January 2012. The public exhibition will be widely promoted and project participants will be directly approached. Following the exhibition period, the feedback will be reported to Council and the consultants.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council endorses the report *Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville* for public exhibition for a period of 42 days, commencing on 14 January 2013.

Simone Schwarz
Director, Community Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for Marrickville (circulated as a separate document)

**THIS ATTACHMENT IS BEING DISTRIBUTED
AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT**

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**Facilities Needs Research: Strategic Directions for
Marrickville**

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Item No: C1212(1) Item 11

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MARRICKVILLE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 25TH OCTOBER 2012

File Ref: 317-01/74846.12

Prepared By: Simon Lowe - Strategic Transport Planner

SYNOPSIS

The Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee held a meeting on 25 October 2012 to consider nine items.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. notes and receives the minutes of the Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee held on 25 October 2012;
2. undertakes discussions with RailCorp to investigate the potential for the installation of community/public art murals within Sydenham station;
3. expresses concern to RailCorp/Transport for NSW that accessible interchange remains an outstanding issue at Sydenham station and that options for improvement be discussed prior to the re-opening of the station; and
4. considers the proposals set out in item 5 of the attached minutes for inclusion as part of a future capital program of works

BACKGROUND

The Marrickville Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee continues to meet four times per year, most recently on the 25th October 2012. Minutes from the meeting can be found at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations within this report have no immediate financial impacts.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Community representatives attended the Meeting on the 25th October and draft Minutes were distributed to all Committee members and attendees prior to finalising.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT Council:**

1. notes and receives the minutes of the Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee held on 25 October 2012;
2. undertakes discussions with RailCorp to investigate the potential for the installation of community/public art murals within Sydenham station;
3. expresses concern to RailCorp/Transport for NSW that accessible interchange remains an outstanding issue at Sydenham station and that options for improvement be discussed prior to the re-opening of the station; and
4. considers the proposals set out in item 5 of the attached minutes for inclusion as part of a future capital program of works

Ken Hawke
Director, Planning and Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Transport Committee Meeting Minutes October 2012



Marrickville Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 25th October 2012, 6pm-8pm

Function Room, Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham

Meeting Minutes

Present

Cllr Jo Haylen	Joint Committee Chair, Marrickville Council
Cllr Sylvie Ellsmore	Joint Committee Chair, Marrickville Council
Richard Sage	Manager Infrastructure Planning, Marrickville Council
Simon Lowe	Strategic Transport Planner, Marrickville Council
Ian Phillips	Community Representative, Bike Marrickville
Marcus Rowan	Manager Planning Services, Marrickville Council
Glenn Redmayne	Strategic Community Project Officer Access & Inclusion, Marrickville Council
George Tsaprounis	Coordinator Traffic Engineering Services, Marrickville Council
Kevin Vos	Project Manager, Transport for NSW
Alistair Rowe	Project Manager, Arenco

Apologies

Neil Strickland	Director Infrastructure Services, Marrickville Council
Kendall Banfield	Team Leader Planning Services, Marrickville Council



Ken Hawke	Director Planning & Environmental Services, Marrickville Council
Fiona Campbell	Community Representative, Bike Marrickville
Allan Miles	Community Representative, Action for Public Transport (NSW)

i. Welcome, introductions to new Councillors and apologies

Following recent NSW-wide Council elections, two new elected members have been appointed to chair the Marrickville Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee. As such, the Committee officially welcomed Councillor Jo Haylen and Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore.

ii. Minutes & Actions from previous meeting (16th August)

Minutes of the previous (16th August) Transport Committee, adopted by Council on 16th October, were noted and endorsed.

iii. Sydenham Station Easy Access Upgrade

Transport Committee resolved at a previous meeting to invite Rail Corp representatives in to Council to discuss the ongoing redevelopment of Sydenham station.

Kevin Vos from Transport Projects at Transport for NSW provided an update on how the redevelopment of Sydenham Station is progressing. Kevin, joined by Alistair Rowe from Arengo, initially informed the Committee of a movement of the management of this project from RailCorp to Transport for NSW Projects Division as of 1st January 2012. Further detail regarding the specific redevelopment of the station then followed.

A new concourse is in the process of being constructed at the southern end of the station, which will front on to Gleeson Avenue. The redevelopment will provide new lifts and stairs to all platforms upon completion, as well as new concourse lighting and CCTV cameras throughout the station. All platforms will additionally be resurfaced with bituminous paving. The temporary footbridge that is currently at the northern end of the station will be removed upon completion of the station redevelopment. Completion is expected by mid-2013, at which point the station will fully re-open.

SE enquired whether there would be any installation of community/public art murals on the platforms upon completion of the redevelopment. AR responded that all of the new concrete surfaces have been treated with an anti-graffiti coating and that it would be



preferable to avoid the installation of community/public art murals at this stage of the project due to time limitations. It was added that RailCorp Maintenance Division would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the station upon completion of the redevelopment. ES requested that contact details for the relevant maintenance team be passed onto Council to allow the issue of community public art installations at the station to be discussed further.

RS & SL raised the issue that interchange between rail and other modes had not been fully explored during the redevelopment of the station. Despite the installation of new lifts at the station, upon removal of the side entrances to the station (currently used whilst the main entrance is rebuilt), interchange between rail and bus will no longer be accessible. However, it was pointed out, that at a recent accessible bus shelter workshop undertaken by Council, it was highlighted that the retention of the side entrances could enable fully accessible interchange to occur (alongside improvements made to the bus stops themselves). KV explained that, as project manager for the implementation of the station upgrade, he was unable to comment on whether it would be possible for the side entrances to remain open, but would provide relevant contact details to Council to enable further discussion on this issue.

GR asked what the arrangements were within the new station with regard to wayfinding and tactile paving for those with vision impairments. AR stated that there will be tactile paving at the top and bottom of each set of stairs as well as Braille on some new wayfinding signs; there will also be improved signage throughout the station for all customers. GR expressed concern that those with vision impairments may struggle to adapt to the new station layout upon opening, but also, given that this station is a major interchange, a substantial proportion of customers may not be regular commuters and thus the problems of unfamiliarity may be greater than anticipated. KV added that station staff would be available at the ticket gates to assist with all customers, particularly during the first few weeks of the new entrance opening. JH added that Council could support this role through liaison with local community groups focusing on those that may need assistance the most. GR suggested that Guide Dogs NSW/ACT undertake this role where a local client may require it.

Action: RailCorp to provide contact details to enable Council to progress discussions regarding a) installation of community/public art murals at Sydenham station and b) accessible interchange between modes at Sydenham station

Recommendation: Council undertakes discussions with RailCorp to investigate the potential for the installation of community/public art murals within Sydenham station

Recommendation: Council expresses concern to RailCorp/Transport for NSW that accessible interchange remains an outstanding issue at Sydenham station and that options for improvement be discussed prior to the re-opening of the station



iv. Bicycle Working Group

There were no particular issues raised from Bike Marrickville at this Committee meeting.

v. Cooks River path

At the May 2012 meeting of Transport Committee, a discussion was held regarding the unresolved issue of tidal flooding of the Cooks River bicycle path where the path passes under the Illawarra Railway line just south of Tempe Station; at that time there was a degree of uncertainty regarding what could be done to rectify the problem without major reconstruction. The Committee resolved that discussions should take place to ascertain the options for improvement that could be explored and that these findings be relayed to and discussed further at a subsequent Transport Committee.

Accordingly, Council engaged the services of a Consultant (Lucas Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd) to review the current situation and to provide an engineering solution to make the cycle way under the Illawarra Railway Line usable during all tide events. As a result, a draft design has been developed for review prior to approaching RailCorp to obtain any required approvals before any construction works could commence.

The proposed solution would involve the installation of a one-way valve system that would operate under pressure (from tidal water); this would enable water to flow out of the path wall but prevent water from flowing in from the river. This would allow run-off to flow into the river during rainy periods but prevent flooding from tide inundation.

Key stakeholders for this project include Jemena (an Australian infrastructure company that builds, owns and maintains a combination of major electricity, gas & water assets) and RailCorp (owners of the railway bridge above the path). A 550mm diameter high pressure gas main exists directly under the existing path and Jemena are responsible for this asset. This gas main is critical infrastructure and cannot be interfered or adjusted in any way. The bridge abutment and overhead railway line are RailCorp assets and the section of the cycle path beneath the railway bridge is located within RailCorp property. The existing RailCorp infrastructure (overhead line and bridge abutments) are fixed and cannot be interfered or adjusted in any way.

In order that these proposals continue to move forward, it is recommended that this project be considered for inclusion as part of a future capital program of works

RS added that regular maintenance/cleaning of the cycle route at this location in particular was just as important in order to remove sediment and prevent any build-up that could prevent efficient operation of the system. It was pointed out that Council most likely has an obligation to maintain this path (as it is a publicly accessible route) and therefore maintenance schedules should be verified.

Action: Maintenance/cleaning of this section of cycle route be reviewed



Recommendation: That this project be considered for inclusion as part of a future capital program of works

vi. Accessible Bus Shelters Project Update

Continued progress on this project has been reported at previous meetings of Transport Committee and a further update was provided at this meeting. This project is intended to accelerate Council's existing accessible bus stops program along the M30 bus route between Newtown and Sydenham rail stations, with four bus stops along this route having previously been identified for specific detailed investigation.

The initial stage of the project has recently been completed with the production of a report examining the issues associated with each of the four identified bus stops. The findings in this report are based on expert design advice as well as feedback gained at a recent consultation workshop held for internal staff and external stakeholders. A wide range of stakeholders from across Council attended the workshop and provided valuable input, which was subsequently incorporated into the report.

GT requested further opportunities to comment on the report, given that the recommendations within the report have implications on the Infrastructure Services area.

GR reminded Committee of the overarching drivers of this project – necessary compliance with DSAPT and the existing obligations of Council when replacing/upgrading bus shelters. A necessity to clarify and strengthen the guidelines for bus shelters in advance of a new bus shelter tender being released was also a primary objective.

Given that there are new members to Committee, it was agreed that the report will be circulated to all members for comment.

Action: That, as part of ongoing internal consultation, Committee takes this opportunity to examine and comment on the findings within the report prior to the report being submitted to Council for consideration

vii. Inner West Light Rail Extension

A brief update on the progress of the Inner West Light Rail Extension was provided to Committee, in particular for those that have not been party to ongoing discussions & updates regarding this project over recent months.

Transport for NSW is now in the process of publicly exhibiting the concept designs that have been drafted up for the streetscape around each new stop; this includes issues



such as access, parking and landscaping. These designs, which have been developed in close consultation with Council, will be on public display across Marrickville & Leichhardt until 7th November. A full Councillor briefing is also planned for November on the progress of the Light Rail Extension.

It is anticipated that, following on from public display of the concept designs for the stops, comments will be incorporated into the detailed designs which are to be worked up toward the end of the calendar year.

In addition, TfNSW regularly release Project Updates and Construction Updates, which include details of preparatory works planned along the rail corridor; these updates are distributed widely to communities along the rail route.

viii. AOB

No other points were raised by members of the Committee

ix. Date of next meeting

With regard to the dates for Transportation Planning & Advisory Committee Meetings across 2013, it was discussed whether a similar pattern of dates, i.e. Thursday evenings four times per year, was still preferable to all members. There was general consensus that this format should continue.

Resultantly, dates for 2013 have been booked as follows:

- 7th February
- 2nd May
- 1st August
- 7th November

These will all take place from 6pm-8pm in Council's Function Room.

Meeting closed 7:45pm

Item No: C1212(1) Item 12
Subject: MINUTES OF THE GREENWAY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
 22 OCTOBER 2012
File Ref: 366-01/73288.12

Prepared By: Simon Lowe - Strategic Transport Planner

SYNOPSIS

The GreenWay Steering Committee met on 22 October 2012 to consider eight items.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and notes the Minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee meeting 22 October 2012.

BACKGROUND

The GreenWay Steering Committee meets six times per year, the most recent of these being held at Canterbury Council on 22nd October 2012. Minutes from the discussion of the meeting can be found at **ATTACHMENT 1**.

DISCUSSION

The Minutes from the meeting set out all of the points that were discussed by the Steering Committee members, including:

- Changes to GreenWay staffing
- Progress with the Inner West Light Rail Extension
- The GreenWay Biodiversity Strategy

It should be noted that, within item number three (Changes to GreenWay staffing), the new GreenWay Place Manager position has been appointed on a part-time basis, not a full-time basis as stated in the Meeting Minutes. As a result of this, the duration of the Place Manager post will be longer than 12 months. This change will not have any impact on the funding already allocated from Council toward this position.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

GreenWay community groups and other interested parties are represented on the GreenWay Steering Committee and have received copies of the attached Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives and notes the Minutes of the GreenWay Steering Committee meeting 22 October 2012.

Ken Hawke
Director, Planning and Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. GreenWay Steering Committee Minutes October 2012

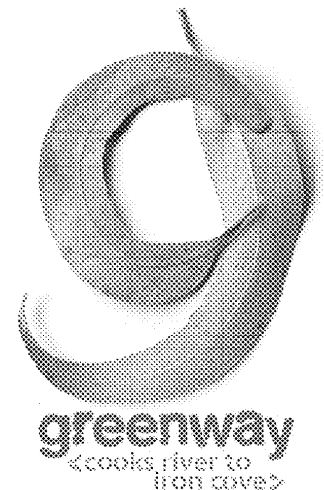
Greenway Steering Committee

Minutes

Meeting number: 2012/05
Date: Monday 22nd October 2012
Time: 4.15 with a 4.30 start to 6.15pm
Venue: Canterbury Council, Administration Building, Beamish Street, Campsie.

Chairperson: Linda Eisler, Canterbury Council

Attachment:



Invitees:

Cllr Linda Eisler	Canterbury Council
Chris King	IWEG
Cllr Alex Lofts	Ashfield Council
Cllr Mark Gardiner	Marrickville Council
Cllr Melissa Brooks	Marrickville Council
Cllr Monica Wangmann	Ashfield Council
David Wilson	Leichhardt Council
Jennifer Kent	Friends of the GreenWay
Jon Stiebel	Leichhardt Council
Nell Graham	Canterbury Council
Nick Chapman	Community representative
Ros Gibbons	Greenway Coordinator
Simon Lowe	Marrickville Council
Stiofan Mac Suibhne	Community representative

Apologies:

Bronwyn Englaro	Community representative
Colin Jones	AshBUG
Councillor TBC	Leichhardt Council
Councillor TBC	Leichhardt Council
Marrickville TBC	Community Representative
Staff TBC	Ashfield Council
Victoria Currie	Marrickville Council

Actions GreenWay Steering Committee 22nd October 2012:

Who	What	Status
Simon Lowe	Follow up the MOU with the Marrickville Solicitors	
Council Staff:	Put the GreenWay Biodiversity report up to the Councils	
Adam Ward, Ashfield:	Draft a business paper for the Biodiversity Strategy and share with the other Councils	
Ros/Council Staff:	Complete the stencilling and way marking of the GreenWay alternative route project	
Ros:	Follow up on the joint media statement for the signage project	
Ros:	To check for the location of the sign on the Lilyfield Bridge -get if moved if necessary.	
Ros	To formally write to Transport for NSW requesting more information about the White Bay to Cooks River project as key GreenWay Stakeholders	
Ros	To confirm the dates of the Light Rail Extension consultation and circulate them to the committee and the via the GreenWay Enews	
Ros	1: work up the key messages and consult with Nick, Stiofan, Jennifer and Bronwyn 2: to amend Key Messages document as discussed at to distribute to all stakeholders for final approval 3: Distribute and post on the website.	Outstanding
Ros/Councils	To hold a media launch of the signs to show that the GreenWay is still there and that we are continuing to campaign for an off road path	Complete
Ros (5/11)	Collate a list of outstanding actions that require funding from the Master Plan.	Underway
Ros/Nick (5/11)	Add a section on future art sites that will become available once the GreenWay is built.	Outstanding
Ros	Progress the Arts Strategy	Ongoing

Items

1. **Changes to the membership of the Committee**

The local government elections in September have lead to a change in the Steering Committee representation.

Cllr Linda Eisler from Canterbury and Cllr Monica Wangmann from Ashfield were welcomed back to the committee.

Cllr Alex Lofts from Ashfield, Cllr Melissa Brooks from Marrickville and Cllr Mark Gardiner from Marrickville were welcomed to the committee.

The councillor representatives from Leichhardt Council are to be confirmed.

David Wilson, Manager of Environment and Urban Planning represented Leichhardt Council.

2. **Actions from last meeting and acceptance of minutes from last meeting**

Complete actions:

- Recruitment for the Marrickville community representative – applications have closed and the applications are being considered.
- Request for the financial documents on the GreenWay and Light Rail from the State Government- Leichhardt received the documents but significant portions were blacked out rendering them not very useful.

The minutes of meeting 2012/5 were accepted by Stiofan Mac Suibhne and seconded by Nick Chapman.

3. **Changes to GreenWay staffing, the new GreenWay Place Manager and Future Governance**

Background: The \$1.83 million NSW Environment Trust grant funded GreenWay Sustainability Project has now ceased having completed its scheduled 3 years. The 4 members of staff associated with project have moved on to other things. Most of the projects commenced under the GreenWay Sustainability Project have now been completed, but there are still a few items outstanding but will be completed soon including:

- The GreenWay Signage Project
- Adoption of the GreenWay Biodiversity Strategy
- The signing of an MOU between the 4 GreenWay councils on the future governance of the GreenWay.

Current staffing:

All GreenWay staff are now funded by the GreenWay Councils:

GreenWay Coordinator: will be continuing on a part time basis of approximately 12 hours a week.

GreenWay Place Manager: a full time position, initially for 12 months.

Ashfield Council is managing the recruitment process and we expect the new Place Manager to be onboard by early November. Part of this person's role will be to will help deliver the future governance of the GreenWay as well as seek funding for further projects.

Signage Project:

Information and interpretation signs for the GreenWay have been installed at several locations along the corridor. The signs acknowledge that the GreenWay trail is still to be built but highlight the other positives about the GreenWay that are still happening such as the biodiversity corridor. They also state the Councils and community's commitment to build the trail. The stencilling of the alternative route to able people to travel along the corridor is still outstanding.

The council staff have walked the route and fed back to the contractor on the location and types of stencil. This is expected to be finished by December.

A joint media statement is being issued to promote the GreenWay signs and Council/community commitment to get the GreenWay trail built.

Discussion: the GreenWay Sign on the Lilyfield bridge may be in the wrong place. This needs checking and it needs moving if that is the case.

MOU

Macquarie University who undertook the GreenWay Governance Research Project have drafted an MOU for the Councils. It is currently being reviewed by Marrickville Council's solicitors. Simon Lowe from Marrickville Council is looking after this.

Biodiversity Strategy

The GreenWay Biodiversity Strategy has been on public exhibition and the document is now being finalised. We hope to put it up for formal adoption by the Councils soon.

Discussion: One Council to draft the council paper for this and share it with the other 3. Suggest that Adam Ward Ashfield Bushcare Officer do this.

Actions:

Action Simon Lowe: follow up the MOU with the Marrickville Solicitors

Action Council Staff: put the GreenWay Biodiversity report up to the Councils

Action Adam Ward, Ashfield: draft a business paper for the Biodiversity Strategy and share with the other Councils

Action Ros/Council Staff: complete the stencilling of the GreenWay alternative route

Action Ros: follow up on the joint media statement for the signage project

Action Ros: to check for the location of the sign on the Lilyfield Bridge - get it moved if necessary.

4. **Cooks River to White Bay cycleway update.**

A report was requested from Transport for NSW on this but was not forthcoming.

Background: Transport for NSW is undertaking a study for the Cooks River to White Bay cycleway. This proposed cycleway is basically the GreenWay and the City West Link cycleway combined and re-named. Some consultation and discussions were held with the Councils and other stakeholders to discuss the proposed staging of works along the Cooks River to White Bay active transport corridor. This has now been postponed until after the completion of a walking and cycling demand study. TfNSW has prepared a brief and invited a number of consultants to tender for a walking and cycling demand study in the area. This study is underway and is expected to be completed towards the end of 2012.

Discussion: Jennifer Kent from FoG reported that surveys were being undertaken in local parks relating to this cycleway.

Actions:

Ros Action: to formally write to Transport for NSW requesting more information about the project as key GreenWay Stakeholders

5. **Light Rail/Transport for NSW update**

Background: The GreenWay stakeholders are continuing to work closely with TfNSW on the Inner West Light Rail project. Although the TfNSW are not building the GreenWay trail, access to stops, a bridge over Parramatta Road built for light rail access will also benefit GreenWay users. The biodiversity component of the project is also still going ahead. TfNSW have said that the works on the light rail will not prevent a future GreenWay being built.

Regular meetings are being held with TfNSW, the Councils, John Holland Group (consultants for the project) and the GreenWay Coordinator to discuss the works on the light rail.

Public consultation

Public consultation on the plans for the light rail, stops, biodiversity areas and GreenWay connections are being held in late October/early November. Dates to be confirmed. There is a need to comment and review the proposals. Some of the issues of concern that specifically relate to the GreenWay are:

- Lack of a ramp connection up and down to the Parramatta Road pedestrian-cycle bridge. At the very least there should be a gutter to push a bike up the steps provided.
- No bicycle lockers are provided at any stops
- The need to use local provenance plants in new plantings around stops
- The incorrect naming of Taverners Hill stop. (The stop is at Battle Bridge some distance from Taverners Hill)
- The need for signage
- The use of art and installations at the stops

More detail will be posted on the GreenWay website. There may also be comments relating to your locality and the stops that are not GreenWay related.

Actions:

Ros Action: to confirm the dates of the Light Rail Extension consultation and circulate them to the committee and the via the GreenWay Enews.

6. IWEG update (Chris King)

- IWEG are now meeting monthly with TfNSW to discuss biodiversity issues associated with the light rail development. There has been some disturbance during the surveying process by John Holland. There is ongoing consultation around the path at Davis Street
- IWEG Spring planting event 21st October was very successful with about 50 people participating including several new people.
- Discussions regarding the fencing of the bush care sites by TfNSW is still ongoing. It is looking likely that there will be a temporary fence during construction that will be replaced by permanent structures at a later date. This will mean that bush care activities will no longer need a protection officer and there will be less bureaucracy to access to the sites by the volunteers
- The lease for the bush care sites in the rail corridor from Railcorps is yet to be finalised

7. Friends of the GreenWay update: (Jennifer Kent)

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- 268 letters were signed at Marrickville Festival in support of the GreenWay
- Friends are hoping to have stalls at most of the spring festivals if there is the support to staff the stalls
- There is still a lot of support for the GreenWay not just from the local community but also from people further afield.
- Friends are seeing this as a long term campaign and are looking to keep up steady pressure on the State Government

8. **Any other business.**

Thank you to whoever put up the Build the GreenWay banners.

Next scheduled meeting Monday 10th December 2012 hosted by Marrickville

Attachment 1

Greenway Messages August 2012

- New GreenWay signage is helping people connect with the GreenWay
- The GreenWay is **continues to grow or is alive and well**
- It **connects people places and communities**
- The GreenWay Sustainability Project was a **finalist** in the 2012 **United Nations World Environment Day awards for Australia**
- It is home to a thriving arts community
- Bushcare along the GreenWay is going from strength to strength.
- The GreenWay trail may not be built yet but the GreenWay continues to thrive with hub days, arts events, bush care, schools education program, guided walks, training days and more
- The light rail stops and access paths will help connect people to the GreenWay.
- The GreenWay Councils, Friends of the GreenWay and community groups are still actively seeking funding to get the GreenWay trail built.
- A new Council funded GreenWay Place Manager will join the GreenWay Coordinator to continue to implement the GreenWay vision
- The GreenWay is an independent community grass roots project.
- Is a ***project for Sydney***: it benefits and connects people far beyond the inner west.
- Is a showcase of ***active transport***, a blueprint for the future
- Is the ***missing link*** in the broader active transport network
- Will ***increase patronage*** of the light rail by ***increasing pedestrian accessibility, safety and comfort***.
- ***Breaks down the barriers*** to active transport by providing a ***safe*** accessible link over and under the main roads including Parramatta Road, Old Canterbury Road, New Canterbury Road.

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- Provides considerable *health benefits* to the community
- Has *overwhelming community support*.

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Item No: C1212(1) Item 13

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND: ARLINGTON RESERVE PLAYING FIELD

File Ref: 4674/76131.12

From Councillors Max Phillips, David Leary and Melissa Brooks

MOTION:

We, the abovementioned Councillors, hereby submit a Notice of Motion to rescind Council's resolution of 20 November 2012, and propose the alternative Motion be adopted as follows:

THAT Council:

1. will receive and note the report; and
 2. prioritise the maintenance of Arlington Reserve so that a high quality natural turf can be provided.
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Manager, Governance and Risk Reports:

Council's resolution (C1112(2) Item 4) on this matter from the 20 November 2012 Council Meeting was as follows:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted;
2. Council supports option 3;
3. Council officers prepare a further report for the consideration of the Council on 4th December 2012, that details the financial, timing, management and community engagement considerations of Council's preferred option, and addresses issues associated with the use of Arlington Reserve through a plan of management review process.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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Item No: C1212(1) Item 14
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND: QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW
STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2012
File Ref: 4674/76129.12

From Councillors Max Phillips, David Leary and Melissa Brooks

MOTION:

We, the abovementioned Councillors, hereby submit a Notice of Motion to rescind Council's resolution of 20 November 2012, and propose the alternative Motion be adopted as follows:

THAT the adjustment of \$900,000 to the SES building be deleted and a substantive report on the extra funding to the SES and ongoing maintenance costs of the Sydenham building be produced as part of the normal business papers.

Manager, Governance and Risk Reports:

Council's resolution (C1112(2) Item 8) on this matter from the 20 November 2012 Council Meeting was as follows:

THAT:

1. the report be received and noted; and
2. Council approve the variations identified as matters requiring budget adjustments.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. SES rescission Motion

SYNOPSIS

On tonight's Business Paper, Council will consider a rescission motion in relation to Item 8, Quarterly Budget Review Statement for the period ended 30 September 2012, considered at its meeting on 20 November 2012. The rescission motion focussed attention on the need for further information in relation to the proposed increase of \$900,000 in the budget for the new SES facility. This report provides information to assist Council in its consideration of this matter.

BACKGROUND

Replacement of the existing SES headquarters at 209 Livingstone Road was one of the projects in the original Major Projects suite adopted by Council in 2005/06. At that time it was proposed to fund the project, estimated at \$1.195m from the proceeds of the sale of the existing site, some 200m² of which was to be purchased from s94 funds to enhance Ness Park at the rear of the site.

Following initial consultation with residents in the immediate area of the existing SES facility, a report was considered by Council on 20 November 2007. The estimate at that time for refurbishment of the existing building was \$1.527m and for demolition and replacement was \$1.59m. Re-location of the SES to the Unwins Bridge Rd Depot was examined as an alternative. Re-location to Sydenham Green was also examined. Council resolved to proceed with more detailed assessment of the Sydenham Green option.

On 15 July 2008 Council considered a number of design options for the Sydenham Green site and resolved to proceed with Option 3 and allocate an overall budget of \$1.837m to the project.

On 8 December 2009 Council considered a confidential tender report for construction and resolved to reject all tenders. This was in the midst of the Commonwealth's School Building program, a part of the Stimulus Package and prices did not reflect estimates by Council's Quantity Surveyors. Further examination of the Depot as an alternative to Sydenham Green was undertaken. It was noted at that time that \$223K of the \$1.837m had already been spent examining or advancing options. Since that time a further \$98K has been spent on the project leaving \$1.516m.

On 16 November 2010, after considering a further report on the two options which estimated the Sydenham Green option at \$2.375m and the Depot option at \$1.7m, Council resolved:

***THAT** a decision on this Item be deferred so that the SES can discuss ongoing funding sources for the operation of a new building at Sydenham Green, thereby removing this liability for Council, with the General Manager and a report be provided to Council in February 2011.*

A number of major disasters occupied the SES following that decision. They did not identify funding sources to bridge the gap.

In November 2010, annual maintenance costs for the existing headquarters was \$65,000. It was estimated that annual maintenance costs for the Sydenham Green option would be in the order of \$167,000 and no additional costs for the Depot option as those annual costs are already included in the ongoing operations budget for the Depot.

Since the NSW State government election, a number of changes are being made to the ongoing operation of the SES units which will see some of the previously estimated annual maintenance works, managed and paid by the SES. This will reduce the ongoing burden on Council. These arrangements are yet to be finalised. Council is awaiting a draft Agreement from SES Headquarters.

REPORT

When adopting its draft budget on 17 April 2012 Council resolved to:

proceed to tender for a new State Emergency Service (SES) facility at Sydenham Green following completion of geotechnical and contamination studies and based on the plans previously developed in consultation with the SES including options to reduce the overall cost

The project at Sydenham Green has required a revised Plan of Management, a Development Application, contamination studies and more recently an archaeological report. Council's Major Projects team and the architect have worked to modify the preferred option to reduce building costs and ongoing maintenance requirements.

The allocation of a further \$900K to the project will bring the available budget to \$2.416m and will enable the most recent resolution of Council to be implemented.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 15
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: STREET TREE OUTSIDE 16 TEMPLE STREET,
STANMORE
File Ref: 4674/72583.12
From Councillor Max Phillips

MOTION:

THAT Council monitor the Lemon Scented Gum (*Corymbia citriodora*) street tree outside 16 Temple Street for 12 months and then review the decision for removal.

Background

Recently Council officers have recommended for removal a large Lemon Scented Gum on Temple Street Stanmore. The tree is in a healthy condition; however, there have been complaints about branches falling.

Since the notification was listed, numerous residents have objected to the plans for removal. One such objection states:

"I find it very alarming that council would consider taking down this tree. It is an important tree because of its height and species. It is important because there are so few tall trees on this street. These trees are gradually disappearing from our streets and this weakens our already challenged tree canopy."

The tree is a significant and beautiful tree, making an exceptional contribution to the streetscape. The proposed replacement tree is a small, slow growing species.

Advice from the Council officers includes:

*"An inspection of the tree by myself, and comprehensive independent assessment by Dennis Marsden on the 3 September 2012, **found the tree to be in acceptable health and no obvious structural defects were recorded at the time of inspection.** The mode of branch failures was attributed to the tree being an individual with a greater propensity for branch failure under windy conditions than most typical trees. The independent arborist concludes that the level of risk associated with this tree cannot be anticipated and is impractical to effectively maintain."*

Thus Council is proposing to remove a well-formed, healthy and substantial tree, because of a complaint about previous branch failures.

There are many other large eucalyptus that could be removed on the same grounds as this tree. If you look around the local area, it is often a larger eucalyptus that will be the largest tree in a neighbourhood and provides the greatest contribution to the canopy, aesthetic and the Australian character of neighbourhoods. Other areas of Sydney and Australia have a much larger number of eucalyptus trees than Marrickville. Living with gum trees is part of the Australian experience.

To remove a healthy, well-formed tree on these grounds will not only be a considerable loss to the local community, but sets a bad precedent for Council's approach to other large street trees and in particular, eucalyptus.

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We live in an organic world and trees are big part of this world. They enrich our lives in many different ways. Many people regard trees as a substantial asset. It would be a considerable disservice to the community to start to remove healthy, well-formed trees because of some potential future liability.

Council maintains footpaths, roads, drains, sporting fields, playground equipment, buildings, childcare centres and many other things that may have potential future liability. We do not remove these assets from the public domain because of potential future liability. Neither should we remove this tree unless it is of poor health or structure.

If there are further failures of the tree within the 12 month trial period, or a re-assessment finds the tree in poor health or bad structure, then removal may be necessary.



The Lemon Scented Gum is the defining feature of the Temple St, Stanmore landscape.

A/Director, Infrastructure Services Comments:

There have been a number of requests to Council regarding several incidences of branch failure, some resulting in damage to an adjacent residence. Council records show that branches had fallen for the subject Eucalyptus tree on 16 July 2010, 16 August 2010 and 14 September 2010. On each occasion Council's appointed tree officer carried out a site inspection and removed the fallen branch. Then two additional branches snapped out of the tree in 'June-Aug' 2012. The two most recent branch failures resulted in the resident's service wire being torn from its awning bracket and made contact with the ground, and the other branch allegedly punctured the resident's roof.

An inspection of the tree by Council's Tree Management Officer and a comprehensive independent assessment by arborist Dennis Marsden on 3 September 2012, found the tree to be in acceptable health and no obvious structural defects were recorded at the time of inspection. However, the mode of branch failures was attributed to the tree being an individual with a greater propensity for branch failure under windy conditions than most typical trees. The independent arborist concludes that the level of risk associated with this tree cannot be anticipated and is impractical to effectively maintain. No effective pruning techniques can be carried out to mitigate the risk. The independent report mentions that this tree has yet to reach its full biological potential, which could be up to 30-35 metres tall and up to 24 metres wide and therefore unsustainable in its restrictive location.

In summary, the tree has exhibited a history of unpredictable sound branch failures under wind loading, and Council should be cautioned in its retention.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 16
 Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLANS
 File Ref: 4674/72327.12
 From Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore

MOTION:

THAT:

1. Council recognises the importance of Council's Development Control Plans (DCPs) which are the fine-grained planning regulations that set out important planning controls to protect the amenity and character of local areas;
2. Council notes with concern that the NSW Government's proposed *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* will make a number of changes which will greatly reduce the capacity of DCPs to protect local amenity and character including:
 - a) proposed changes will prevent Councils from considering the cumulative impact of developments;
 - b) proposed changes so that maximum entitlements under DCPs such as the height and size of buildings will become "as of right entitlements" rather than the maximum allowable; and
 - c) providing developers with exemptions if they don't want to comply with DCPs if the DCP is thought to "unreasonably restrict development".
3. Council notes: that the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* comes in the middle of a State-wide review of planning in NSW; that the NSW Government has previously made a commitment to return planning powers to the community; and that the proposed Bill appears both inconsistent with the stated direction of reforms and to pre-empt the current planning review.
4. Council directs the General Manager to:
 - a) urgently write to the NSW Premier and the NSW Planning Minister noting Council's concerns with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* and requesting that the Government amend the Bill to remove those aspects that restrict Development Control Plans and undermine the ability of Local Councils to properly control development in their LGAs; and
 - b) urgently write to individual Members of the NSW Legislative Council noting Council's concerns with *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* and requesting that Members seek amendments to the Bill to remove those aspects noted above; or alternatively to oppose or delay the progress of Bill.
5. if the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* is passed, provides an urgent report to the Council detailing the impacts of the new legislation and options for Council in response, including options to maintain the protections and policies contained in the Marrickville Development Control Plan through alternative means.

Background

The NSW Liberal Government has introduced the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* to the NSW Parliament.

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Amendment Bill 2012* proposes to change the provisions of the existing *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* regarding the content, status and purpose of DCPs, and the manner in which they are to be taken into account in the development assessment process.

Full text of the Bill can be found on the Parliament website here:

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parliament/nswbills.nsf/131a07fa4b8a041cca256e610012de17fb455726682cff29ca257aa100153f7c?OpenDocument>

DCPs are an integral part of the NSW planning system, and are developed following extensive consultation with the community.

Marrickville Council's current Development Control Plan (MDCP) commenced in 2011. A copy can be found on Council's website at:

http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au/planning/planning_controls/dcp.html?s=1249273667.

It is a detailed and comprehensive document which includes policies and guidelines relating to:

- Development Application Guidelines
- Statutory Information
- Generic Provisions (relating to landscaping, car parking, fencing etc.)
- Subdivision, Amalgamation and Movement Networks
- Residential Development
- Commercial and Mixed Use Development
- Industrial Development
- Miscellaneous Development
- Heritage
- Strategic Context (Planning Precincts)

The DCP contains detail and controls for development beyond what is found in Council's Local Environment Plan, including controls which must be considered in the planning and design of any new development, from alteration and additions to a dwelling house, to new industrial buildings or shop top housing in town centres.

The protections in the DCP include recognising King Street and Enmore Road as heritage conservation areas, and include protections to ensuring that these streets are not developed in such a way as to threaten their unique character.

The DCP also contains many other precinct specific policies developed following extensive consultation with residents about what they value about their local environment, and how they want to see their areas developed.

The Local Government and Shires Association and a number of resident and environmental groups have serious concerns about the Bill.

This includes the Better Planning Network, which is urging the NSW Government to defer consideration of the Bill as part of an extended consultation period of six months on the White Paper and draft planning legislation.

As of 7 November 2012, the Bill was before the Upper House and is likely be debated on 13 or 14 November, when Parliament resumes.

Team Leader, Planning Services Comments:

In its September 2012 submission on the Planning Reform Green Paper, Council expressed general support for many of the broad objectives of the reforms, but also concern about some of the changes. The submission also noted that the Green Paper did not include sufficient detail to allow Council to comment on many of the planning reform issues that are now raised by the subsequent EP&A Bill.

Council staff agree that DCPs include important controls that protect the amenity and character of local areas. Staff share the concern that that the reforms may further diminish the ability of Council to apply DCP controls. MDCP 2011 is only one year old, and already the application of some of its controls have not been upheld by the Land & Environment (L&E) Court. This adds further weight to the concern that the strength of DCP controls may be further eroded by the EP&A Bill.

For example, the L&E Court has recently made a ruling that MLEP 2011 height controls take precedence over the MDCP 2011 controls related to the maximum number of storeys allowed. In doing so, the Court has interpreted the uppermost three metres of a building, as set by MLEP 2011, as a "*right of entitlement*" for an additional storey rather than a space for non-habitable structures such as roof gardens, gazebos and lift over-runs, as was intended by MDCP 2011. This matter is detailed in a report to Council's 20 November 2012 meeting.

Lack of consideration of cumulative impacts may be one of the effects of the reforms, particularly if the strength of MDCP 2011 provisions are diminished. Staff agree that compliance with all DCP provisions should not be 'optional', although it is accepted that there will be circumstances where strict compliance is not warranted, provided this is justified.

Council staff concur with the recommendations of this Notice of Motion.

Resource Implications:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 17
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: A COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO MINIMISING
ILLEGAL DUMPING
File Ref: 4674/76415.12
From Councillor Melissa Brooks

MOTION:

THAT Council:

- 1. consolidate the information from its website on the following:**
 - the free booked clean up service; and
 - alternative waste removal options including the Bower's Repair and Reuse referral service.
 - 2. write to all real estate agents operating in the Marrickville LGA and ask for their cooperation in distributing this publication to :**
 - tenants signing a new lease; and
 - tenants vacating a property, upon giving notice or being given notice to vacate.
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Background

Marrickville Council deals with significant incidents of illegal dumping, largely of furniture and other bulky household goods, despite offering residents an excellent free booked clean up service, advice on alternative waste disposal options, and the threat of fines of \$200 for individuals and \$400 for corporations dumping illegally. Illegal dumping costs Marrickville Council rate payers approximately \$1 million every year to clean up.

The worst incidents of dumping involve many large bulky pieces of rubbish being left on verges, which are unsightly and can be dangerous. It is reasonable to think many of these items are being left by people vacating a nearby home, who have chosen not to take them with them when they move.

Renters move much more often, on average, than home owners and are more likely to need to leave old furniture that is unsuitable for their new homes behind. Marginal renters who move often experience serious disadvantage in the rental market. They may face little choice in moving from unfurnished to furnished rooms and can experience significant difficulty in disposing of old furniture, and may not be aware of the service we offer. These residents are also most likely to experience hardship as a result of being fined.

Council can achieve a good outcome for these residents and their neighbours by increasing knowledge and uptake of our service and other responsible waste disposal options, by making renters aware of it as part of the process of signing a new lease or vacating premises.

Renters in Marrickville overwhelmingly rent through real estate agents, who are already required by law to provide certain information to tenants regarding their rights and to communicate in writing with tenants vacating a property. There is a negligible extra burden on agents if they were to cooperate with Council in distributing a short pamphlet outlining responsible furniture, mattress and white good disposal options.

Coordinator, Sustainability and Resource Management Comments:

Illegal dumping has been identified as a key issue at state and local government level. Marrickville Council identified dumping as one of the issues to be addressed through the development of the Towards Zero Waste Strategy.

The Strategy is in its early stages of development – a thorough review of current practice has been undertaken and work is now underway on an information campaign to highlight the current state of resource management and recovery across the Marrickville area. The key focus areas of the Strategy have been outlined to Council previously and will involve all areas of service and communications including Council's response to illegal dumping.

Marrickville Council currently has a range of information available about illegal dumping and clean ups:

- Don't Dump on Marrickville – booked waste collection information;
- Don't Dump on Marrickville – magnet to contact council to report dumps or book a clean up;
- Free Booked Clean Up Service – specifics about the service and what can/not be collected; and
- Green Living Centre – moving out flyer (City and Marrickville).

These are already promoted on the web site and at events and through regular mail outs however the review of all current activities identified room for improvement in the communications and programs to support Council services. The Strategy, to be developed over the first half of 2013, will identify important changes to communications that will include improved information on Council's booked clean up services and information for renters.

Officers can review the information we currently have on the web site and consolidate however experience with current and previous programs with real estate agents have been hard to sustain – some agents are very responsive and others are not. Programs such as these will be reviewed and reinvigorated once the Strategy has been developed and Council has provided a clear direction for services and programs.

Resource Implications:

None: Use existing staff and budgets for resource management.

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Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 18

Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: CELEBRATING NEWTOWN'S SESQUICENTENARY

File Ref: 4674/76430.12

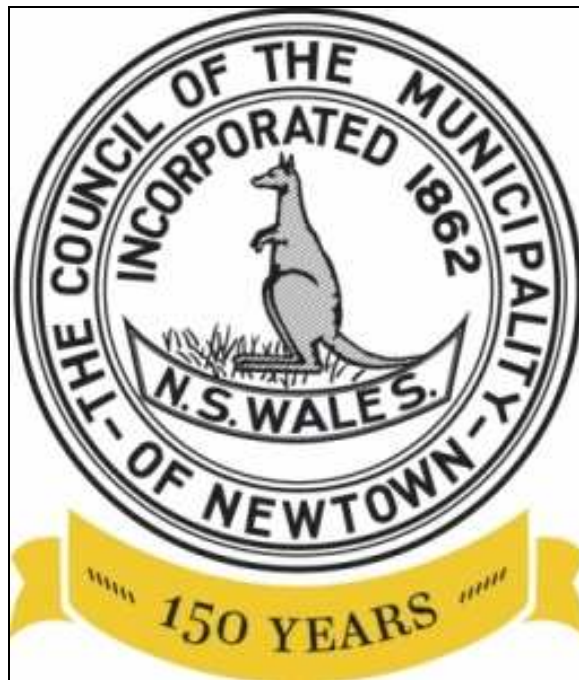
From Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. congratulates the Newtown Precinct Business Association and the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association, Marrickville Council and the City of Sydney Council for the program of events to recognise the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Newtown as a municipality on 12 Dec 1862;
2. commends the local businesses and Council for the development of a walking tour of selected images from the City of Sydney and Marrickville Council archives, showcasing the historical face of Newtown, which are displayed in 50 stores in King Street, Enmore Road and Australia Street; and
3. Recognises that among Newtown's diverse history is the election of Australia's first female Mayor, Elizabeth Lilian Maud Fowler (known as Lilian Fowler), in 1937.

Background



The Newtown Business Precinct Association and the Newtown Entertainment Precinct Association are the local business associations that cover Newtown, Enmore and Erskineville.

The Associations are supported by both Marrickville Council and the City of Sydney, and has 140 local business members.

To mark the 150th coming of age for Newtown in November and December 2012 a number of events have been organised including a series of historic photos in windows along King St and Enmore Road, which show the historical and changing face of Newtown.

Events which will be held as part of the celebration will be a major public event on 12 December 2012 at Newtown Library and showings of 'I Have a Dream' documentary on 8/9 Dec 2012.



More information about the history of Newtown from the Newtown Precinct Business Association website www.newtownprecinct.com.au is below:

In 1862, 223 Newtown households petitioned the Governor to form a municipality. On 12 December 1862 Newtown Municipality was proclaimed by Government Gazette, covering 480 acres in three wards: Enmore, Kingston and O'Connell. By the 1870s, Newtown was one of the most densely populated municipalities in NSW and a decade later was one of the main retail centres outside the city.

King Street is Newtown's spine. The first track through Newtown followed roughly the same alignment as today's King Street. This 'bullock route' probably followed an Aboriginal path across the ridges to the Cooks River. Originally known as the Bulanaming Road and later as the Cooks River or Newtown Road, it was officially named King Street in 1877. Its retail strip developed from the 1880s and soon it became one of Sydney's busiest suburban commercial centres.

The name 'New Town' was in use by the early 1830s. At what is now Newtown Bridge, a creek provided pure drinking water to early settlers. A toll on the corner of King and Forbes Street raised funds for road improvement, joined by another at Newtown Bridge. It is said Liberty Street was named for the diverting track used to avoid the tolls.

Originally dominated by large gentlemen estates and fashionable homes, suburban subdivision in the 1870s meant that Newtown became a mixed suburb of middle class, tradesmen and the working class people. The suburb's large estate origins are echoed in many of the street names.

Newtown's development was driven by cheap and efficient transport. Sydney's first railway line in 1855 stopped at Newtown. In 1892 additional lines were added and the station relocated from the flour mill at the end of Station Street to its present location. Steam, horse-powered and then electrified trams ran to south-western suburbs for over 75 years until 1957. Newtown Bridge became a transport hub and also Newtown's civic and cultural heart.

Waves of migrants from England, Scotland, Ireland, Southern Europe, the Middle East and Asia were attracted to cheap housing and local factory work in the 1920s. Other defining characteristics include a strong retail and industrial base, and a proliferation of entertainment, sporting and recreational venues.

Today Newtown continues to be one of the most diverse, interesting and popular business and residential areas in Sydney. King Street remains a vibrant commercial strip, thronging with people 'on business and on pleasure bent', just like the 1880s.

Manager, Economic Development Comments:

Newtown's success is an excellent example of two Councils, Marrickville and City of Sydney, working collaboratively to preserve an iconic part of Sydney. The recently renewed memorandum of understanding between the two Councils provides direction and funding to enable Newtown to thrive and grow. The real champions are the businesses themselves and their facilitating organisation the Newtown Business Precinct Association which has taken self-realisation to a new level.

Resource Implications:

Nil.

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Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 19
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: NEWTOWN FESTIVAL BOTTLE FREE
File Ref: 4674/76432.12

From Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore

MOTION:

THAT Council:

1. **congratulates the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, volunteers and Council staff for the highly successful Newtown Festival, held on Sunday 11 November 2012;**
2. **commends the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for making the festival ‘bottle free’, by banning the sale of plastic bottles and instead encouraging patrons to being re-usable bottles and access free water refill stations at the Festival;**
3. **recognises the significant waste reduction achieved by the festivals ‘bottle free’ stand, which by 2pm* had saved the equivalent of 34 kg of plastic bottles being saved from landfill, and of 5,200 litres of water that would have been required to produce the plastic bottles. This was achieved by:**
 - **filling 7,500 cups with tap water (cups made of recycled materials were supplied by Sydney Water); and**
 - **filling 12,000 refillable bottles with tap water (refill bottles brought by festival goers) (*6pm statistics not yet available).**

Background

Newtown Festival is one of Sydney's largest and longest running free community festivals, promoting an annual community celebration of creativity, diversity, sustainability and inclusion.

Each year, it attracts more than 80,000 visitors.

Newtown Festival is an annual fundraiser for the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. All monies raised by the Festival are returned to the Centre to provide community support services to the local community, in particular the aged, people with disabilities, people who are homeless, people with mental illness, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people on low incomes.

This year, bottled water was not sold at the event to make a stand against the commercialisation of water and massive plastic bottle waste.

Instead, patrons were encouraged to bring your own refillable water bottle and use free water refill stations available on-site.

The festival was one of the first ‘bottle free’ major urban festivals

Statistics about the waste reduction achieved by the festivals 'bottle free' stand – i.e. Sydney Water partnered with Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, providing two water stations that provided free tap water refills to festival patrons – showed that by 2pm* on festival day Sydney Water had:

- Filled 7,500 cups with tap water (cups made of recycled materials were supplied by Sydney Water)
- Filled 12,000 refillable bottles with tap water (refill bottles brought by festival goers)

**6pm statistics yet to be supplied by Sydney Water*

This was the equivalent of 34 kg of plastic bottles being saved from landfill (based on a known percentage of bottles that are not recycled).

This also resulted in a saving of 5,200 litres of water that would have been required to produce the plastic bottles.

The significant reduction of plastic waste was evident across festival day, with a vast reduction of plastic bottles in waste bins or on the grass.



Community Sustainability Coordinator Comments:

Environmental Services commends the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for their stand against plastic bottles at the 2012 Newtown Festival. Not only do PET plastic bottles take a huge amount of crude oil to produce, the Australian Conservation Foundation estimates that only 35 per cent of Australia's plastic water bottles are currently recycled with the rest ending up as landfill or litter.

Council also adopted a plastic bottle free position for its large festivals (started in 2011) and provides refillable stations via mobile water.

Resource Implications:

Nil.

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Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 20
Subject: NOTICE OF MOTION: SUPPORT FOR MARRICKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL F1 IN SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE
File Ref: 4674/73383.12
From Councillor Sam Iskandar

MOTION:

THAT Council contributes \$5,000 to Marrickville High School towards the F1 in Schools Technology Challenge.

Background

Marrickville High School has been working with local primary schools (Wilkins and Stanmore Public Schools) to introduce a technology based transition program called the "F1 in Schools Technology Challenge" integrating technology for quality teaching and learning.

The F1 in Schools is the world's largest science, technology, engineering and mathematics competition. It involves over nine million students from 17,000 schools in 31 nations and is championed by Formula 1 boss Bernie Ecclestone. In Australia, the F1 in Schools Challenge is coordinated by the Reengineering Australia (REA) Foundation. This year, more than 40,000 Australian students will participate in the program.

The F1 in Schools is an action learning program which focuses on developing long-term employability skills. Students learn leadership, team building, project management, business planning, public speaking, marketing, collaboration, writing and presentation skills as well as designing, testing and making miniature F1 cars capable of speeds of up to 80km/h. The 'ABC 7:30 Report' did a segment on the challenge several years ago, which can be found here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hax00NBI09Q>

Also, Denford Machinery, the company who produces the CMC mill/router which is used to cut out the balsa cars has a YouTube video outlining the complete process; <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hXadlaKiQI&feature=youtu.be>

Marrickville High School is partnering with Wilkins and Stanmore Public Schools to participate in the program in 2013. To date we have built strong partnerships with:

1. The University of Technology through Professor Keith Cruse dean of External engagement. They have sponsored the purchase of the race track costing \$15,000 so our students can test and practice racing the cars at school prior to competition racing.
2. We have been working with Mr Michael McInerney the Manager of Ultimo TAFE. Developing support programs where TAFE departments such as the Robotics, Spray painting, Panel beating and graphics department can offer advice to students when they come to design their cars on 'CREO' Computer Aided Design software. At present TAFE student are building the casing for our new race track.
3. I have also gained sponsorship in principal with Damian Hadley founding director of Cantilever Engineers at Enmore. He has kindly offered to donate \$10,000 towards the purchase of a Denford CNC Mill / Router to machine the students cars made from balsa wood. TAFE were going to purchase the mill, however current financial restrictions on their part have stopped this from occurring.

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Marrickville High School is seeking sponsorship of \$5,000 from Marrickville Council to combine with the \$10,000 from Cantilever Engineers to purchase the new Denford CNC Mill/Router which cost \$15,000.

Marrickville High School is in the process of reinventing itself in the local area. They are a disadvantaged, comprehensive co-educational high school in a low socio-economic status community. They are surrounded by a private school (Newington College) and specialised schools such as Newtown School of Performing Arts, Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Tempe Selective High School. Most of our local primary school children are attracted to these schools due to their tailored curriculum. They are currently promoting Marrickville High School with a focus on Literacy, Numeracy and strong Technology to attract local community students to our school.

The school last year was proud to have a student in year 12, Talia Kaur gain 1st place in the HSC Design and Technology subject. They are hoping that the F1 in schools technology challenge will create strong partnerships with our local community, business and also a strong transition program with their feeder primary to high school.

Manager, Environmental Services Comments:

The environment team are working with High Schools to do some waste education this year as a trial – this will be reviewed with the development of the Towards Zero Waste Strategy.

Manager, Community Development Comments:

Schools in Marrickville receive significant support from the Community Development team. We are currently working with Marrickville High School to implement a Cyber Seniors project for 2013 utilising some of the Seniors' budget. This is an intergenerational project which will involve students partnering with seniors to teach them basic IT skills. Community Development, through the Strategic Project Officer Youth, is also involved in delivering the Love Bites program to students to reduce sexual and domestic violence. There is also a partnership with the Marrickville High School Intensive English Classes for Refugee week celebrations. Marrickville High is part of the Professional Practice Group and are involved in development of an After Hours project for youth.

In addition to working with Marrickville High School there are a range of projects in progress with other local public High Schools, including Art and Design at Dulwich Hill and Youth At Risk drug and alcohol awareness at Tempe High.

A School is not eligible to receive a grant under Council's Community Grants Program as the policy states that Notices of Motion and Contingency grants must be assessed under the same eligibility criteria as the annual Community Grants Program, which is only available for not for profit organisations. In addition, applications received by way of Notice of Motion for not for profits can only be funded up to a maximum of \$1,000 as the total in the fund is \$5,000.

Resource Implications:

No funding has been allocated towards such a contribution in the 2012/13 financial year.

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Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 21
Subject: QUESTION ON NOTICE: STREET TREES
File Ref: 4675/76425.12
From Councillors Sylvie Ellsmore and Max Phillips

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Question

1. Of the 1590 street trees identified for removal in the Street Tree Audit Report, in relation to each individual tree, what is the:
 - a. Location, including street number, suburb and ward;
 - b. Species;
 - c. Approximate height and size of the canopy;
 - d. Reason for the proposed removal;
 - e. Maintenance options other than removal investigated;
 - f. Any other information provided to Council through the recent tree audit.

Answer

At its 20 November 2012 meeting, Council was advised (C1112(2) Item 6 Tree Management - Inventory, Master Plan and Policy Framework) that a recently conducted Street Tree Inventory had identified 1,590 trees for removal. The report further explained that the risk associated with each of these trees varied, that 24 trees have been removed as very high and high risk and that funding is sought for removal and replacement within 2 years of another 98 medium risk trees. A further 1,475 low and very low risk trees should have further assessment as part of the Street Tree Master Plan project with planning for acceptable and affordable renewal within 5 years.

The report also indicated that the renewal of 98 trees would take place in the 2013/14 financial year, with a more definitive program of works being prepared in the second half of the current year.

The Street Tree Inventory collected a wide range of data on more than 22,000 trees, and has been undertaken to industry standards.. The data is structured in a complex data base which is not formatted to provide directly the answers to all the requested questions. There is no single entry in the data base for '*Reason for the proposed removal*'. Instead, data from a number of fields may be considered in arriving at the conclusion that a particular tree should be removed.

The Inventory assessed a range of risk factors and in recommending removal of a tree, qualified arborists have considered that alternative maintenance options would not effectively manage the risk for Council. As reported to Council, a number of trees identified with a short life expectancy (SULE less than 5 years) and also requiring significant pruning have been described as low priority removals to minimize the overall expenditure on the tree.

Data from the Inventory, for 1,590 trees identified for removal is provided at **ATTACHMENT 2** to this report. This includes information on some trees that have been removed, as reported to Council on 20 November.

The data provides direct answers to points **a** (except for ward data which was not collected), **b** and **c** of the question and a range of data from which point **d** is derived. Points **e** and **f** have been addressed in this report.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Explanation of data category labels
2. Extract from Street Tree Inventory prepared by Homewood Consulting Pty Ltd 2012 (circulated as a separate document)

Explanation of Street Tree Inventory Data Category Labels

The Street Tree Inventory includes more than 50 data fields, many with multiple options. The data does not correlate directly with that requested by the Question on Notice. The following explanations of data fields relate to those on the attached table and have been selected from the full range of Inventory data to provide a description of the 1590 trees identified for removal. Factors described in fields other than location (Tree_Street, Tree Close House No, Tree_Close_Street) botanical name (Tree_Botanical_Name) and size (Tree Height M and Tree Canopy Spread M) are considered in reaching the conclusion that tree removal is required.

Field Name	Description
Tree_Street	Actual street in which tree located
Tree Close House No	Street number of closest house
Tree_Close_Street	Street and suburb address of closest house
Tree_Botanical_Name	Genus and species of tree
Tree Height M	Height of tree in metres
Tree Canopy Spread M	Canopy spread in metres
Tree_Age	Young, Semi mature or Mature
Whipper Snipper Damage	Yes or No
Visual Condition Rating	Good, Fair, Poor, Very Poor or Dead
Tree Structure	Good, Fair, Poor, Very Poor or Failed
Tree Defects Exist	Yes or No
Tree Remaining Life	Zero, Up to 5 years, 6-10 years, 11-20 years, Over 20 years
Tree Failure Potential	The estimated risk of failure: Very High, High, Moderate, Low, Very Low
Tree Failure Potential Value	A numerical risk value associated with the likelihood of tree failure
Tree_Failure_Size	The probable size of the failed part 0-25mm, 26-100mm, 101-250mm, 251-450, Over 450mm
Tree Failure Size Value failed	A numerical risk value associated with the probable size of the part
Tree_Target_Rating	The risk associated with where the tree failure will occur: 1. Buildings of very high value >\$100K, Vehicles greater than @ 50kph per hour 2. Buildings of high value \$29-100K, Pedestrians 10 - 36 per hour,

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hour, Vehicles 65 less	<p>Vehicles 649 - 2335 @ 50kph per hour</p> <p>3. Buildings of moderate value \$3-29K, Pedestrians 1 - 9 per Stationary cars, Vehicles 45 - 449 @ 80kph per hour, - 649 @ 50kph per hour</p> <p>4. Buildings of low to moderate value \$120-\$3000, Pedestrians than 1 per hour, Vehicles 3 - 65 @ 50kph per hour</p> <p>5. Pedestrians less than 1 per day</p>		
Tree Target Rating Value	A numerical risk value associated with the probable target area		
Tree_Risk Assessment	A ratio calculated from the probability of failure, size of the part likely to fall and the target occupancy		
possible	<1/5000	Very High Risk	As soon as
	1/5001 to 1/10,000	High Risk	Within 12 months
	1/10,001 to 1/200,000	Medium Risk	Within 2 years
	1/200,001 to 1/5,000,000	Low Risk	Within 2-4 years
	>1/5,000,000	Very Low Risk	Within 5 years
Tree_Comments	Additional comments		
Tree Maintenance & Defects Type	Identifies defects and recommends a maintenance type		
Recommended Maintenance	In the case of these selected 1590 trees the recommended maintenance is Remove Tree		
Maintenance Priority works:	Timeframe for implementing recommended maintenance		
Medium-years	Immediate-as soon as possible, High-within 12 months, within next 2 years, Low-within 4 years, Very Low-within 5		

Attachment 1

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Extract from Street Tree Inventory prepared by
Homewood Consulting Pty Ltd 2012

Item No: C1212(1) Item 22
Subject: QUESTION ON NOTICE: WI-FI
File Ref: 4675/76428.12
From Councillor Sylvie Ellsmore

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Questions

1. What steps have been taken by Council to implement the previous Council decision in support of free wireless internet for:
 - a. main streets;
 - b. public buildings; and
 - c. parks/ public spaces

in the LGA?
2. When will a report and options for implementation be provided to Marrickville Councillors for decision?

Answers**Background**

The previous motion in relation to free wireless internet required Council to investigate the feasibility of providing free Wi-Fi access in all LGA major parks, including Camperdown Park, Johnson Park, Marrickville Park and Tempe Reserve, and report to be provided to Council of the free Wi-Fi access.

1. *What steps have been taken by Council to implement the previous Council decision in support of free wireless internet for:*
 - a. *main streets;*
 - b. *public buildings; and*
 - c. *parks/ public spaces*

in the LGA?

 - a) There was no study or feasibility done for Wi-Fi for main streets as it was not in the scope of the previous motion.
 - b) There was no study or feasibility done for public buildings as it was not in the scope of the previous motion, but free wireless is now available at the main Marrickville Library and the Library branches at Dulwich Hill, Stanmore and St. Peters.
 - c) Investigation and gathering of information was done for the implementation of Wi-Fi at our major parks. Experts in the field were invited to provide solutions and estimated costing. A report to Council is currently being compiled to provide information on proposed solutions and costings. From an examination of proposals to date only one service/solution provider will be able to implement an end-to-end solution.
2. *When will a report and options for implementation be provided to Marrickville Councillors for decision?*

A complete report is expected to be provided to Council at its meeting on the 5th of February 2013.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 23
Subject: QUESTION ON NOTICE: ANNETTE KELLERMAN AQUATIC CENTRE STATISTICS
File Ref: 4675/75348.12
From Councillor Max Phillips

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Question

Can Council please receive an answer on the following issues with the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre:

1. Patronage numbers;
2. Types of visits (recreational, gym, learn to swim, schools);
3. Financial performance update; and
4. Renewable energy and co-generation performance – any statistics.

Answers

1. Patronage numbers

Attendance – Programs and Memberships – July to September 2012

Visits	Aquatics	Misc (crèche)	Learn to Swim	Wellness Centre	Total
Year to Date	28,676	2,512	49,818	34,075	115,081

2. Types of visits (recreational, gym, learn to swim, schools)

See 1.

3. Financial performance update.

Income and Expenditure Summary – July to September 2012

Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre Income and Expenditure Year to Date		
	Total Budget	As at 30 Sept 2012
Total Income	\$969,028	\$1,117,324
Total Expenditure	\$1,004,422	\$1,067,933
Net Result	(\$35,394)	\$49,391

4. Renewable energy and co-generation performance – any statistics.

Total electricity produced by cogeneration unit – 1,377,477kWh

Total electricity produced by solar array – 59,956kWh

Total Onsite Generation – 1,437,433kWh

Total Consumption on Site – 1,728,875kWh

Of the onsite generation, 624,078 kWh was exported at times when generation exceeded onsite consumption

Net use of on-site generated electricity – 813,355kWh = 47% of Total Consumption.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1212(1) Item 24

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - SSROC AWT
TENDER REPORT

File Ref: 12/SF434/74356.12

Prepared By: Jan Orton - Manager, Environmental Services

SYNOPSIS

In August 2009, Marrickville joined in with the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) Advanced Waste Treatment (AWT) tender process. The eight participating councils were Ashfield, Burwood, Kogarah, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Rockdale, Waverley and Woollahra.

The purpose being to recover additional resources (specifically food organics and recyclables) from the garbage stream and reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfill through a Alternative or Advanced Waste Treatment (AWT) technology. In the AWT process waste from the red lidded bin (municipal solid waste or putrescible waste) goes through some treatment processes prior to its disposal to landfill – in this process the theory is that any recyclable containers are mechanically removed for recycling and food and garden organics are extracted and biologically processed to generate a compost or soil-amendment product.

The proposed contract would commence in 2015 and expire in 2030 (ten year contract with a five year option).

Three tenders were received in October 2011 and reviewed in May 2012 by the assessment panel made up of representatives from each of the participating councils. Two tender options were available to Marrickville, as the third tender was only open to Ashfield, Burwood and Leichhardt (food and garden organics separated service).

The recommendations and tender assessment is contained in **CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS 1 & 2** because it contains information that is classified as confidential under section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 of the Report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the following reasons:
 - a) information within this report, if disclosed, could confer a commercial advantage on persons with whom the Council proposes to or may conduct business; and
 - b) it is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these Tenders or the assessment process. Companies have provided sensitive information about their operations in the confidence that their details will not be made public by Council. The practice of publication of sensitive information provided by companies could result in the withholding of such information by companies and reduction in the provision of information relevant to Council's decision.
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And in accordance with Sections 10A (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1.A the Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and as such is to be treated as confidential;
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

DISCUSSION

SSROC AWT Tender

The Tender assessment is contained in the Tender Report as CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 2 because it contains information that is classified as confidential under section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

CONCLUSION

A tender process has been undertaken for the provision of AWT services in accordance with the SSROC tendering procedures. This report provides a confidential recommendation following the SSROC AWT Tender.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Domestic Waste Charge (DWC) levied on the rates for each residential property covers the cost of council providing the waste service and associated waste and recycling costs.

OTHER STAFF COMMENTS

Manager, Infrastructure Works and Services Comments:

The proposed strategy to defer until AWT facilities mature and become more transparent in outputs is endorsed. Any service alterations implemented in the interim will require a full resource analysis and business plan to be developed, as well as consultation with operational staff if disposal locations are altered.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The community will be engaged on waste avoidance, reuse, recycling and recovery opportunities and the future of waste management in Marrickville through the development of the Towards Zero Waste Strategy (Draft anticipated in 2013).

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 of the Report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the following reasons:
 - a) information within this report, if disclosed, could confer a commercial advantage on persons with whom the Council proposes to or may conduct business; and
 - b) it is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these Tenders or the assessment process. Companies have provided sensitive information about their operations in the confidence that their details will not be made public by Council. The practice of publication of sensitive information provided by companies could result in the withholding of such information by companies and reduction in the provision of information relevant to Council's decision.

And in accordance with Sections 10A (4) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1.A the Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 & 2 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, and as such is to be treated as confidential;
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

Ken Hawke
Director, Planning and Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Attachment 1- SSROC AWT Tender- Marrickville Recommendations - *Confidential*
2. Council Meeting – Individual Report Environmental Services - Resource Management - SSROC AWT Tender Report - 4 Dec - *Confidential*

Item No: C1212(1) Item 25
Subject: SSROC TENDER - TEMPORARY STAFF
File Ref: 3974/56020.12

Prepared By: Lyn Blain - Strategic Procurement Coordinator

SYNOPSIS

Due to the expiry of the existing Agreements, SSROC called a tender for the provision of Temporary Staff services to its member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 of the Report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the following reasons:
 - a) the information within this report, if disclosed, could confer a commercial advantage on persons with whom the Council proposes to or may conduct business; and
 - b) it is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these tenders of the assessment process. Companies have provided sensitive information about their operations in the confidence that their details will not be made public by Council. The practice of publication of sensitive information provided by companies could result in the withholding of such information by companies and reduction in the provision of information relevant to Council's decision.

And in accordance with Sections 10A(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1.A Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, and as such is to be treated as confidential.
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in the CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1, and give first preference to SSROC contracted suppliers, unless it can be demonstrated that the service cannot be supplied to Council's requirements.

BACKGROUND

The existing contract with SSROC's preferred suppliers of Temporary Staff expired recently and, further to discussion with SSROC Shared Services Senior Managers, it was agreed that SSROC would conduct a tender for this service.

Fifteen Councils agreed to participate in the tender and the ensuing contracts with the selected suppliers.

Advertisements for the tender were placed on 20 March 2012 and 24 March 2012. The tender closed on 17 April 2012.

DISCUSSION

A total of thirty eight (38) tenders were received by SSROC. All tenders were opened in accordance with the appropriate procedures and registered.

An Assessment Panel was formed consisting of;

Manager, Organisation Development, Burwood Council
Human Resources Manager, Bankstown City Council
Manager, Library, Museum and Entertainment, Hurstville City Council
Contracts and Procurement Manager, SSROC

The Panel proposed that a panel of contractors be selected.

Tenders were evaluated in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and Tendering Regulation 2005. All Panel members signed a Statement of Interest and Confidentiality Declaration.

The Panel assessed the submissions against the following Evaluation Criteria set out in the Tender Specification;

Evaluation Criteria
Conformity with Tender submission requirements
Financial and commercial trading integrity and insurances
Work Health & Safety requirements
Proven capacity to meet contract based on past performance
Service Standards and Methodology
Implementation Plan
Adherence to environmental management, sustainability and procurement guidelines
Quality Assurance systems
Price

Details of the weightings applied can be found in the Confidential Attachment.

The Panel unanimously agreed that the top suppliers from each Category one through six would be appointed.

CONCLUSION

The SSROC Assessment Panel has recommended that nine companies be appointed to the Temporary Staff Panel.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has allocated a budget for the proposed works.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 of the Report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(c) and (d) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the following reasons:
 - a) the information within this report, if disclosed, could confer a commercial advantage on persons with whom the Council proposes to or may conduct business; and
 - b) it is not in the public interest to reveal all details of these tenders of the assessment process. Companies have provided sensitive information about their operations in the confidence that their details will not be made public by Council. The practice of publication of sensitive information provided by companies could result in the withholding of such information by companies and reduction in the provision of information relevant to Council's decision.

And in accordance with Sections 10A(4) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1.A Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, and as such is to be treated as confidential.
2. the report be received and noted; and
3. Council adopt the recommendation contained in the CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1, and give first preference to SSROC contracted suppliers, unless it can be demonstrated that the service cannot be supplied to Council's requirements.

Brian Barrett
Director, Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS

1. SSROC Temporary Staff Tender - *Confidential*

Item No: C1212(1) Item 26
Subject: QUESTION ON NOTICE: INDUSTRIAL ISSUES/WORKERS
 COMPENSATION/INJURY RATES
File Ref: 4675/78491.12
From Councillor Victor Macri

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE - JUNE 2010

Questions may be put to Councillors and Council Employees

- 28 (1) **[Questions by a Councillor]** A Councillor:
- (a) may, through the chairperson, put a question to another Councillor; and
 - (b) may, through the General Manager, put a question to a Council employee. [Regulation – clause 249]
- (2) **[Reasonable notice]** However, a Councillor or Council employee to whom a question is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to documents. [Regulation – clause 249]
- (3) **[Question to be put directly and without argument]** The Councillor must put every such question directly, succinctly and without argument. [Regulation – clause 249]
- (4) **[Discussion not permitted]** The chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply or refusal to reply to a question put to a Councillor or Council employee under this clause. [Regulation - clause 249]
- (5) **[Questions on notice]** *A Councillor may ask a Question on Notice of the General Manager or a Director in relation to matters other than those included on the Business Paper of the Council or relevant Committee. The Question on Notice may be lodged at any time and put to the next available appropriate meeting. Where a Councillor requires further information in relation to the answer provided, it is to be sought after the meeting.* [Policy]

Question

At its meeting on 6 November 2012, Council resolved to receive confidential information relating to the following matters:

1. All industrial matters currently being managed;
2. Actual worker compensation claims over the past 4 years including claims by department – Waste Services, Childcare, Civil Works, Streetscapes, Administration; and
3. Details of work injuries reported by departments – Waste Services, Childcare, Civil Works, Streetscape, Administration.

Answer**THAT:**

1. Council move into closed session to deal with this matter as information contained in ATTACHMENT 1 of the report is classified as confidential under the provisions of Section 10A (2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 for the following reason:
 - personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

And in accordance with Sections 10A (4) of the Local Government Act 1993, that the Chairperson allow members of the public to make representations as to whether this part of the meeting should be closed.

OR, WHERE THE MEETING IS NOT CLOSED:

- 1A. the Council resolve that ATTACHMENT 1 to the report be treated as confidential in accordance with Section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it relates to a matter specified in Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, and as such is to be treated as confidential;
2. Council receive and note the information contained in CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1.

Ken Gainger
General Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Confidential Attachment to Question on Notice - Council Meeting on 4 December 2012 - Industrial Issues/Workers Compensation/Injury Rates - In Response to a Mayoral Minute of 6 November 2012 Council Meeting - *Confidential*