



Agenda

Council Meeting

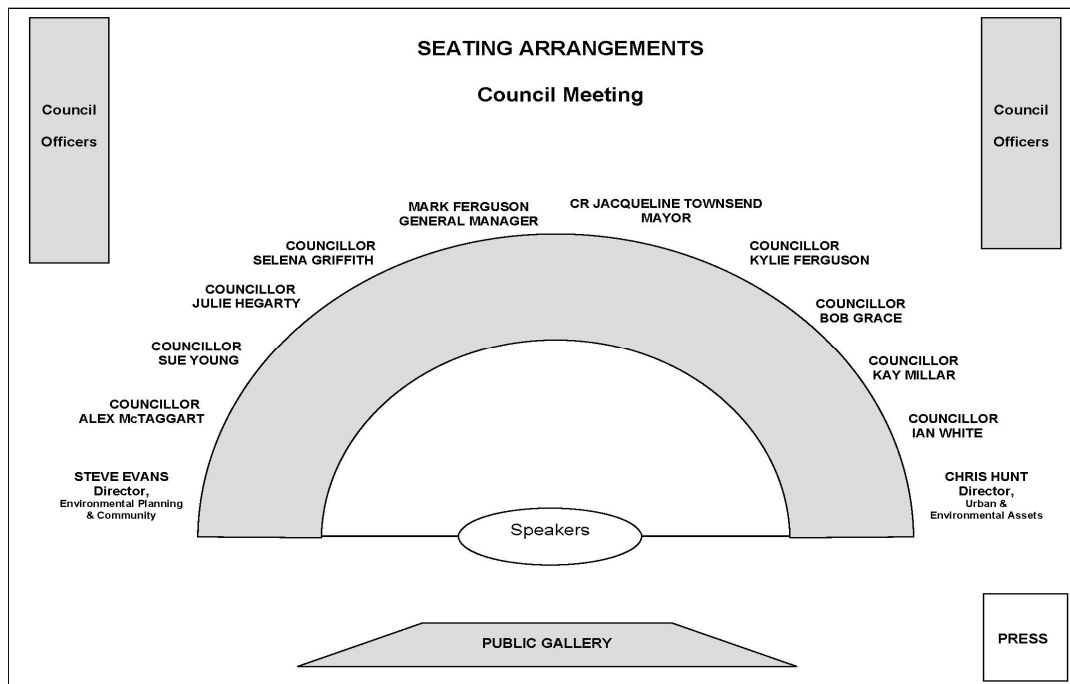
Notice is hereby given that a Council Meeting of Pittwater Council will be held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall on

1 September 2014

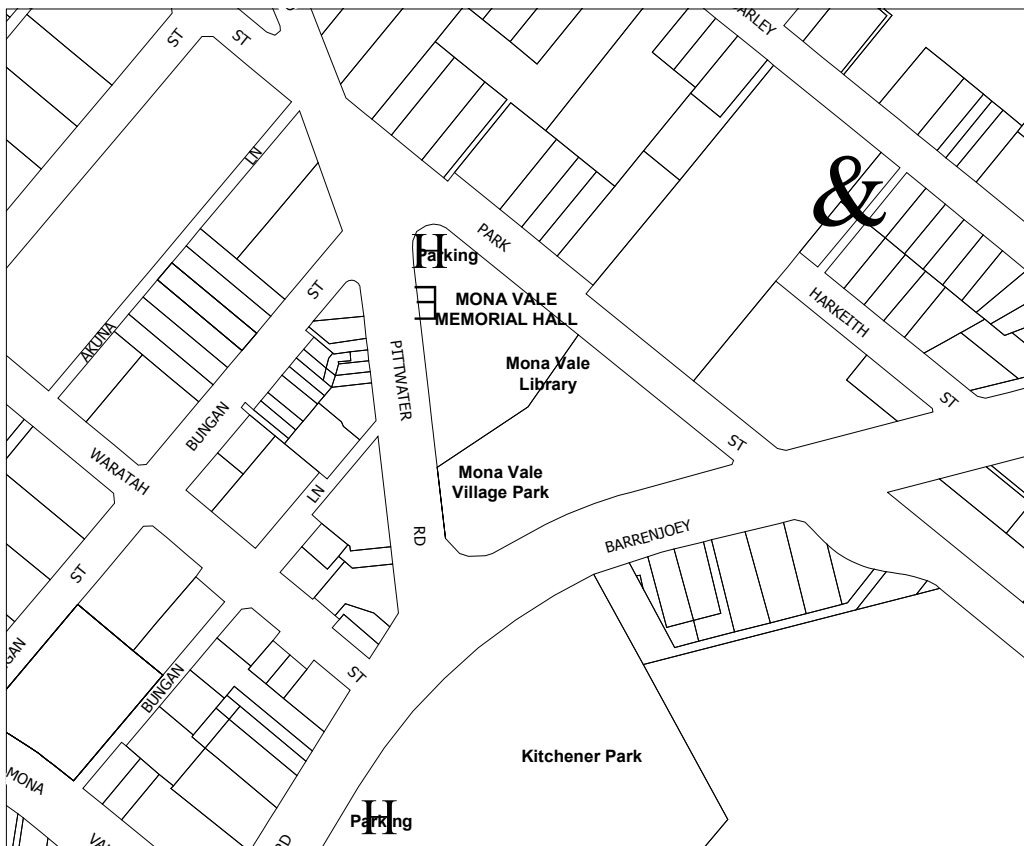
Commencing at 6.30pm for the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

Mark Ferguson
GENERAL MANAGER

Seating Arrangements



Meeting Location



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Acknowledgement of Country

**Pittwater Council honours and respects the spirits of the
Guringai people.**

**Council acknowledges their traditional custodianship of
the Pittwater area.**

Statement of Respect

**Pittwater Council promotes and strives to achieve a climate of respect
for all and endeavours to inspire in our community shared civic pride by
valuing and protecting our unique environment, both natural and built,
for current and future generations.**

**We, the elected members and staff of Pittwater Council, undertake to
act with honesty and integrity, to conduct ourselves in a way that
engenders trust and confidence in the decisions we make on behalf
of the Pittwater Community.**

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**The Senior Management Team
has approved the inclusion of
all reports in this agenda.**

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1.0 Apologies

Apologies must be received and accepted from absent Members and leave of absence from the Council Meeting must be granted.

2.0 Declarations of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest including any Political Donations and Gifts

Councillors are advised of the following definitions of a "pecuniary" or "conflict" of interest for their assistance:

- * Section 442 of the Local Government Act, 1993 states that a "pecuniary" interest is as follows:

- "(1) [Pecuniary interest] A Pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person or another person with whom the person is associated.*
- (2) [Remoteness] A person does not have a pecuniary interest in a matter if the interest is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be regarded as likely to influence any decision the person might make in relation to the matter."*

Councillors should reference the Local Government Act, 1993 for detailed provisions relating to pecuniary interests.

- * Council's Code of Conduct states that a "conflict of interest" exists when you could be influenced, or a reasonable person would perceive that you could be influenced by a personal interest when carrying out your public duty.

Councillors are also reminded of their responsibility to declare any Political donation or Gift in relation to the Local Government & Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008.

- * A reportable political donation is a donation of:
- \$1,000 or more made to or for the benefit of the party, elected member, group or candidate; or
 - \$1,000 or more made by a major political donor to or for the benefit of a party, elected member, group or candidate, or made to the major political donor; or
 - Less than \$1,000 if the aggregated total of the donations made by the entity or person to the same party, elected member, group, candidate or person within the same financial year (ending 30 June) is \$1,000 or more.

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

“Councillors are advised that when the confirmation of minutes is being considered, the only question that can arise is whether they faithfully record the proceedings at the meeting referred to. A member of a council who votes for the confirmation of the minutes does not thereby make himself a party to the resolutions recorded: **Re Lands Allotment Co (1894) 1 Ch 616, 63 LJ Ch 291.**”

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 August 2014.

4.0 Public Addresses

The following guidelines apply to any person addressing a Council / Committee meeting in relation to an item on the Council / Committee meeting agenda:

1. *A member of the public may be granted leave to address a meeting of Council or a Committee, where such a request is received by the General Manager no later than 3.00pm on the day of the meeting. This is subject to:*
 - (a) *A maximum of up to six speakers may address on any one item, with a maximum of three speakers in support of the recommendation in the report, and three speakers in opposition.*
 - (b) *A limitation of three minutes is allowed for any one speaker, with no extensions.*
 - (c) *An objector/s to a development application is to speak first with the applicant always being given the right to reply.*

Exceptions to these requirements may apply where:

- (a) *The Meeting specifically requests that a person be interviewed at a meeting.*
 - (b) *The Meeting resolves that a person be heard at the meeting without having given prior notice to the General Manager*
2. *Once a public/resident speaker has completed their submission and responded to any Councillor questions, they are to return to their seat in the public gallery prior to the formal debate commencing.*
3. *No defamatory or slanderous comments will be permitted. Should a resident make such a comment, their address will be immediately terminated by the Chair of the meeting.*
4. *Council's general meeting procedures apply to Public Addresses, in particular, no insults or inferences of improper behaviour in relation to any other person is permitted.*
5. *Residents are not permitted to use Council's audio visual or computer equipment as part of their address. However, photographs, documents etc may be circulated to Councillors as part of their address.*

5.0	Councillor Questions with Notice
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6.0	Mayoral Minutes
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7.0	Business by Exception
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Items that are dealt with by exception are items where the recommendations contained in the reports in the Agenda are adopted without discussion.

8.0	Council Meeting Business
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C8.1	Proposed Change to Council Meeting scheduled for 20 October 2014
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Meeting: Council Meeting

Date: 1 September 2014

STRATEGY: Business Management

ACTION: To maintain and improve democratic representation

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To propose a change to the date of the scheduled Council meeting date of 20 October 2014 arising from the attendance by the General Manager and Councillors of the 2014 Local Government Conference.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Council's only ordinary meeting in October is scheduled for the 20 October 2014.
- 1.2 The General Manager and Councillors Hegarty, Ferguson and White shall be attending the Annual Local Government Conference between the 19 and 21 October 2014, inclusive.
- 1.3 With the absence of 3 Councillors and the General Manager it was thought prudent that the meeting be rescheduled.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 Due to the General Manager and Councillors attendance at the conference it may be appropriate to reschedule the 20 October 2014 meeting to a date when the General Manager and Councillors are in attendance.
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3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 A sustainability assessment is not required for this report.
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4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 4.1 The current Council meeting schedule has a meeting set for the 20th October 2014. The General Manager and Councillors are attending the Annual Local Government Conference at Coffs Harbour between the 19 and 21 October 2014 inclusive and therefore will be absent from Sydney between those dates.
- 4.2 A suitable alternative date for the October meeting is the 13th October 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Ordinary meeting of Council scheduled for the 20 October 2014 be rescheduled to the 13 October 2014.
2. That the rescheduled meeting date be publicly advertised.

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MANAGER, ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

Connecting Communities Committee

9.0 Connecting Communities Committee Business

C9.1	Submission on the Review of Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
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Meeting: Connecting Communities Committee

Date: 1 September 2014

STRATEGY: Corporate Management

ACTION: Submission on the Review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To acknowledge and note Council's submission on the Government Information (Public Access) Act (GIPA)

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A review of the GIPA Act is being undertaken by the Department of Justice under section 130 of the Act.
- 1.2 The review is to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing these objectives.
- 1.3 The objective of the GIPA Act is to maintain and advance a system of responsible and representative democratic government that is open, accountable, fair and effective by:
 - authorising and encouraging the proactive public release of government information by agencies;
 - giving members of the public an enforceable right to access government information; and
 - providing that access to government information is restricted only when there is an overriding public interest against disclosure.
- 1.4 Council's submission is attached as **Attachment 1**.
- 1.5 The submission has raised the following:
 - limiting the number of repeat open access applications a single individual can make
 - the fees that can be charged for accessing applications
 - the interaction of the Act with Privacy legislation
 - clarification of copyright and open access information
 - the issuing of restraint orders and
 - the access to information by law enforcement agencies.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 Providing a submission to address Council's concerns with the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 Supporting & Connecting our Community (Social)

Nil

3.2 Valuing & Caring for our Natural Environment (Environmental)

Nil

3.3 Enhancing our Working & Learning (Economic)

Nil

3.4 Leading an Effective & Collaborative Council (Governance)

The GIPA Act provides the tool by which our community can access government information. By supporting the principles of the GIPA Act Council supports the principles of open, accountable and fair local government.

3.5 Integrating our Built Environment (Infrastructure)

Nil

4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4.1 The Department of justice is undertaking a review of the GIPA Act and final submissions were due by 29 August 2014.

4.2 Council's submission to the Review has been sent to the Department of Justice (refer **Attachment 1**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached submission to the Department of Justice on the review of Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 be noted.

Report prepared by

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22 August 2014

The Director, Justice Policy
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Department of Justice
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Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Director

Re: Submission on the review of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA Act)

Pittwater Council provides the following submission in relation to the review of the GIPA Act.

Open Access Information

NSW Councils are required to provide Open Access Information (Schedule 1 of the Regulation) free of charge to members of the public including all information regarding Development Applications. This requirement places a heavy financial burden on councils particularly in relation to records that are not held electronically. Currently the Act allows for an unlimited number of requests and volume of files that any one person can request. The unreasonable diversion of resources clause in the Act [s53(5)] only relates to Access Applications and there is no provision in the Act to deal with unreasonable and repeated requests for Open Access Information. The financial burden for councils in dealing with these requests is significant as older files are generally stored in off-site storage facilities and Council must pay retrieval and re-sending costs. It should be noted the cost involved in scanning all these files is unfeasible.

Pittwater Council requests the Review consider:

- Including a provision in the Act for unreasonable diversion of resources in relation to requests under the Act for Open Access Information;
- Limits on the number of requests a person can make in a year for the same Open Access Information;
- The ability to charge if a person requests the same information on multiple occasions; and
- Reviewing the words in Schedule 1 Part 3 of the Regulation that relate to Development Applications so as to limit the accessibility of Development Applications available free of charge. For example, the current version of a Development Application for a property could be free of charge and previous versions available at a cost.

Fees under the Act

The \$30 application and \$30 per hour processing fees were introduced in 1989 under the previous Freedom of Information Act. There has been no increase in this statutory fee since 1989. Given, the increased financial burden of storage and retrieval costs outlined above Pittwater Council recommends these fees be increased and provision be included in the Act for agencies to make annual increases to these fees in line with CPI.

An increasing number of businesses and commercial entities, such as real estate agents, are frequently applying for Open Access Information. As they are accessing information under the Act for their commercial benefit Pittwater Council suggests these entities be required to pay commercial access fees to ensure their commercial gain is not financially supported by the wider community.

Interaction of GIPA and PIPPA Acts

The Review should consider the interaction of the above two acts and attempt to resolve more clearly the conflict they provide for agencies in dealing with requests for information. PIPPA promotes the protection of personal information and only using information for the purpose it was collected for, whereas GIPA promotes the accessibility of all government information to the public. Clarity about how these two Acts interact would be beneficial to both agencies and applicants.

Copyright

Section 6(1) of the Act requires councils to make Open Access Information publicly available and Section 6(2) states that it should be available on a website maintained by the agency. Some information this applies to is works covered by Copyright such as architectural plans, drawings and consultant reports and there is no protection from copyright infringement for councils in providing copies of these documents as required under GIPA.

Section 6(6) of the Act states “Nothing in this section or the regulations requires or permits an agency to make open access information available in any way that would constitute an infringement of copyright”.

Many councils interpret Section 6(6) to mean they do not need to provide any documents which are copyright protected. Given a significant amount of copyright documents are submitted in respect to Development Applications this conflicts with the objects of the Act in providing greater openness and transparency of government information.

The Australian Law Review Commission produced a report in November 2013 that was tabled in Federal Parliament on Copyright and the Digital Economy. The report recommends (pg330) that local government be given an exemption to Copyright where a statute requires public access. Pittwater Council requests the Department of Justice make representations to the Australian Government to request the Copyright Act be amended to include recommendation 15.3 (shown below) of the Australian Law Review Commission report on Copyright and the Digital Economy dated November 2013, in order to resolve the copyright issues currently being experienced by local government.

“15.3 The ALRC recommends that the current exceptions for parliamentary libraries and judicial proceedings should be retained, and that further exceptions should be enacted. These exceptions should apply to use for public inquiries and tribunal proceedings, uses where a statute requires public access, and use of material sent to governments in the course of public business. Governments should also be able to rely on all of the other exceptions in the Copyright Act. These exceptions should be available to Commonwealth, state and local governments”.

Restraint Orders

Section 110 of the Act allows for restraint orders to be sought from the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal where an applicant has made at least 3 unmeritorious applications to an agency over two years. This process is time consuming and expensive for agencies. Pittwater Council recommends a similar restraint order power be granted to the Information Privacy Commission.

Access to Information by Law keeping agencies

A section in the old FOI Legislation specifically provided councils with an exemption so that they could release information to law agencies such as the police for the purpose of law and order.

There is no such exemption in the GIPA legislation and as a consequence councils cannot release information to the Police without going through the normal process of application, payment and public interest considerations and third party consultation. The GIPA Act needs to be amended to allow for the easy and quick access to council information by these agencies.

Thank you for considering Pittwater Council's submission and I look forward to your findings.

Yours sincerely

Mark Ferguson
GENERAL MANAGER

C9.2	Pittwater Council Public Roads Active Transport Strategy - Status Update
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Meeting: Connecting Communities Committee

Date: 1 September 2014

STRATEGY: Transport & Traffic

ACTION: Providing planning, design, investigation and management of traffic and transport facilities

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with an annual review and update of the Pittwater Council Public Roads Active Transport Strategy for public roads

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Since Pittwater was created as a separate Council it has been progressively installing footpath and track connections to improve safety and amenity on roads and in reserves as part of its active Transport Strategy. Many of these are primary routes and show the extent of the historical backlog Pittwater has been addressing. Some primary examples include:

- Pittwater Road, from North Narrabeen 'bridge' to Warriewood Road – shared use and general paths on both sides of main road
- Wakehurst Parkway from Pittwater Road to Deep Creek – shared use path and trail connections including separate shared use bridge crossing of Deep Creek to link with Warringah network to Academy of Sport and eventual loop trail around Narrabeen Lagoon
- Pelican Path link from Pittwater Road to North Narrabeen Headland
- Garden Street & Jacksons Road, Nth Narrabeen / Warriewood – shared use path links to local businesses, shopping centre and Warriewood Valley
- Powderworks Road and Anana Road, North Narrabeen/Elanora Heights
- Warriewood Valley urban land release – shared use and general paths on roads and along creekline corridors as part of the land release
- Narrabeen Park Pde and Melbourne Avenue, North Narrabeen/Warriewood
- Mona Vale Road – shared use and general paths
- Samuel Street and Cabbage Tree Road collector link – from Mona Vale Road to Pittwater Road
- Mona Vale Beach to Church Point walkways – including Bassett Street, Winnererremy Bay, Pittwater Road and Bayview to Church Point scenic walkway
- Newport Primary School precinct – closure of Stuart Street and connecting paths along Queens Pde West.
- Newport Main street pedestrianisation
- Barrenjoey Road, Avalon – various segments
- 'Yellow Brick Road' from south Avalon to north Avalon
- Whale Beach Road – extending northward
- Various other locations to connect missing segments/links in particular Mona Vale east and Grandview Drive
- Upgraded tracks and stairs as part of the Coastal walkway which can also act as alternative routes

- 1.2 It is acknowledged that there is a need for many more footpaths across Pittwater and as such Council at its meeting of 21 May 2012 adopted the updated Walks & Rides Strategy Masterplan – 2012 Review to provide a strategic framework around the provision of high priority footpath projects. The Walks & Rides Masterplan has now also been split into the Road Reserve Walking Sub Plan and the Road Reserve Cycling Sub Plan to support the expanded strategy.
- 1.3 Another two sub categories, being the Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Sub Plan and the Bus Stop Upgrade Sub Plan, have now been added to enhance Council's Road Reserve Footpath Strategy.
- 1.4 The Pittwater Council Public Roads Active Transport Strategy currently comprises six (6) Sub Plans with corresponding objectives as follows:
- **Road Reserve Walking Sub Plan**
 - to provide an integrated, connecting path network radiating out along and from main roads/shopping centres & primary nodes providing the maximum benefit to the highest number of pedestrians to support carrying out their day to day activities in their local community
 - This plan is the Walks component of the previous Walks & Rides Masterplan that it supersedes, with proposed shared paths to in future be listed under the Road Reserve Cycling Sub Plan
 - As the footpath network expands over time, constructed paths will also be provided in streets and footpath reserves identified in the "Walking Pittwater" plan under the Pittwater Public Space and Recreation Strategy.
 - updated Schedule is **Attachment 1**.
 - **Schools Footpath Sub Plan** (footpaths adjacent to schools)
 - to provide footpaths adjacent to or in close proximity to schools. This is to improve amenity and safety of members of the school community that choose to walk to school or use the P2 school drop off/collection areas. Note, footpath connections from the school property to the schools footpath sub-plan network are the responsibility of the Department of Education
 - updated Schedule is **Attachment 2**
 - **Pedestrian Amenity Sub Plan**
 - to undertake improvement works at isolated "pinch points" to improve pedestrian safety and amenity – note this is geared to short lengths and may not necessarily include concrete paths.
 - the identified projects in this plan also alleviate areas of difficulty being experienced by pedestrians using the walking routes identified in the "Walking Pittwater" plan under the Pittwater Public Space and Recreation Strategy.
 - updated Schedule is **Attachment 3**
 - **Footpath Asset Management Sub Plan**
 - to reconstruct deteriorated existing constructed footpaths where the condition, as assessed under Council's Asset Management System, is below the acceptable service level.
 - no footpath currently requiring reconstruction

- **Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Sub Plan**

- to identify existing pedestrian crossing facilities that need to be upgraded to current standards and proposed new facilities necessary to improve pedestrian safety around schools, on high traffic roads and on the principle walking routes identified in the Walks & Rides Masterplan. Identified facilities to be prioritised in a schedule of proposed works.
- schedule to be developed.

- **Bus Stop Upgrade Sub Plan**

- to identify existing bus stops that need to be upgraded to the minimum standard specified in the *Disability Discrimination Act*. Some stops may need to be either relocated, deleted or left non-compliant as a result of the local terrain and existing road geometry. Identified bus stops to be prioritised in a schedule of proposed works. Does not include the provision of shelter sheds.
- schedule being developed with Stage 1 projects on main roads implemented in 2014/15.

- **Road Reserve Cycling Sub Plan**

- This plan is the Rides component of the previous Walks & Rides Masterplan that it supersedes, which incorporated the Pittwater Cycle Plan 1999.
- A review of the Pittwater Cycle Plan 1999 to be undertaken as an action in a future Council Delivery Plan.

- 1.6 This report provides a review and update of the Public Roads Active Transport Strategy with a reference to paths and tracks provided on public reserves. Note also that further Sub Plans may be added in the future to enhance the Strategy.

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 Pittwater Public Roads Active Transport Strategy - Review & Update

Completed projects – 2013/14

- The following footpath projects, now completed as part of the 2013/14 Delivery Plan, have been removed from the list of outstanding projects

Table 1 - 2013/14 Completed Footpath Construction Projects

Footpath Plan	Footpath Project Location	Expenditure
Walks & Rides Masterplan	Barrenjoey Road, North Avalon – Whale Beach Road to Careel Head Road	\$178,276
	Bishop Street, Newport – Bardo Road to Queens Parade	\$44,802
	Grandview Drive, Newport – Further Stages	\$162,753
	Waratah Street, Mona Vale – Maxwell Street to No 75	\$62,848
	Waterview Street, Mona Vale – Karibou to Mona Street	\$159,842
	Pittwater Road, Bayview – Path at Bayview Park	\$106,588
	Elvina Avenue, Avalon – George Street to Shops	\$51,259
	Barrenjoey Road, Avalon – Elaine Avenue	\$24,120
	Hudson Parade, Clareville – Stage 1	\$122,000
	Whale Beach Road, Whale Beach – Further stage	\$134,273
	Kerb Ramps – Disabled Access	\$15,100
Schools Footpath Sub Plan	Elanora Road, Elanora Heights – Elanora Public School - Stage 1	\$73,967
	Plateau Road, Bilgola – The Outlook to existing Path	\$15,289
	Barrenjoey Road, Avalon – Central road	\$11,457
Pedestrian Amenity Sub Plan	No projects in 2013/14	
Footpath Asset Management Sub Plan	No projects in 2013/14	
	Total	\$1,162,574

Proposed Projects 2014/15

- In addition, the following table lists the footpath projects included in the 2014/15 Delivery Plan and these have also been removed from the outstanding lists

Table 2 - 2014/15 Footpath Construction Projects

Footpath Sub Plan	Footpath Project Location	Estimate
Road Reserve Walking Sub Plan	Kerb Ramps – Disabled access	\$20,000
	Raymond Road, Bilgola – Stage 1	\$100,000
	Pittwater Road, Bayview – at BYRA Club	\$90,000
	Vineyard Street, Mona Vale - Brinawa Street	\$90,000
	Grandview Drive, Newport – Existing to Sybil	\$172,399
	Hudson Parade, Clareville – Further stage	\$100,000
Schools Footpath Sub Plan	Elanora Road, Elanora – Stage 2 – Elanora Public School to Weeroona	\$76,714
	Vesper Street, Mona Vale – Wangara to Park	\$60,913
	Oak Street, Warriewood – Anticipated footpath construction subject to sale of surplus road reserve land in Orchard Road	\$100,000
Pedestrian Amenity Sub Plan	Rickard Road, North Narrabeen – Stage 1	\$68,000
	Nareen Parade, North Narrabeen – No 47	\$20,000
Bus Stop Upgrade Sub Plan	Pittwater Road – Various Locations	\$20,000
Pedestrian Facilities Crossing Sub Plan	Nullaburra Road, Newport – Pedestrian Refuge	\$20,000
	Grandview Drive, Bilgola – Median Island pedestrian facilities	\$20,000
	Pittwater Road, Bayview – upgrade of existing pedestrian refuge as part of the construction of a roundabout at Cabbage Tree Road	\$25,000 (est)
	Kalang Road, Elanora – replace existing pedestrian refuge with a marked pedestrian crossing as a component of the Shopping Centre upgrade	\$75,000 (est)
Road Reserve Cycling Sub Plan	Provision of cycle facilities - various locations, subject to successful grant applications	\$200,000
	Total	\$1,258,086

Note: (1) Current Funded Program at 6.8.14

Table 3 – Warriewood Valley paths Construction 2013/14 and 2014/15

Year	Street	Location	Side of Road	Developer Provided	S94 Funded
2013/14	Boondah Road	Macpherson Street to No 12	West	√	
2014/15	Macpherson Street	Garden Street to No 185	South	√	
	Garden Street	Macpherson Street to No 206	West	√	
	Macpherson Street	Boondah Road to Warriewood Road	Both		√

2.2 Warriewood Valley land Release Paths

- Footpath projects being separately provided as part of the Warriewood Valley land release have been removed from the W&R list as these are already covered by the Warriewood Valley s94 Plan and by direct provision – **see Attachment 5 for separate Warriewood Valley list of those footpath projects yet to be provided.**

2.3 Walks & Rides Masterplan Supplementary (Stage 2) List of footpath projects

- The Walks & Rides Masterplan has been expanded to include a Supplementary (Stage 2) List of priority projects – **see Attachment 2 (grouped by suburb north to south, not specific priority).**
- This provides an expanded strategic list of footpath that can be considered following the completion of all projects in current Stage 1 list in **Attachment 2.**
- The supplementary footpath projects are an extension to the core adopted list and although generally further removed from the Village Centre nodes and inner footpath network, recognises the importance of these outer main/collector routes to connect other significant nodes.
- It is again reinforced that in a number of cases these path/shared routes will require expensive construction elements before a footpath can be installed including: kerb & gutter separation/adjustment, major driveway adjustments and/or retaining works just to provide a suitable formation for a footpath to be constructed and in some instances require suspended boardwalks and traffic protection measures such as fencing/guardrail. The significant added cost per metre run of path in turn significantly reduces the length of path that can be constructed for the available budget compared to less constrained footpath locations.
- It is again acknowledged that the Pittwater Public Roads Active Transport Strategy relies upon a managed provision of footpaths on a priority basis rather than an ad hoc provision. Hence the intention is to complete the Primary / Stage 1 List prior to introducing projects from the Supplementary (Stage 2) List. This however will be subject to further consideration as part of Council's Annual Delivery Program process including other selection issues such as deferral of Stage 1 Projects, grant funding opportunities and injection of asset sales income to accelerate the provision of footpaths.

2.4 Longer Term Road Reserve Active Transport Strategy Funding Program

- The following table outlines the future funding program for the various component sub plans that comprise the Footpath (Construction) Strategy base in Council's Strategic Plans. Additional funding may become available each year via loan borrowings, grants and sales of surplus road reserve land.

Table 4 – Long Term Footpath Funding Strategy

Budget Year	Footpath Strategy Plans Funding							Funding Source	
	Walks	Cycle	Bus Stop	Amenity	Schools	Asset	Pedes. Cross. Facilities	Gen Revenue	Other
2014/15	572,399	200,000	20,000	88,000	237,627	0	140,000	786,026	472,000
2015/16	349,427	0	20,000	20,000	85,000	0	0	474,552	0
2016/17	273,224	0	20,000	20,000	60,000	0	0	373,224	0
2017/18	394,431	0	20,000	20,000	70,000	0	0	504,431	0
2018/19	390,068	0	20,000	20,000	90,000	0	0	520,068	0
2019/20	421,190	0	20,000	20,000	75,000	0	0	536,190	0
2020/21	452,811	0	20,000	20,000	60,000	0	0	552,811	0

Note: Based on adopted Council Strategic Plan and funded projects as at 1.9.2014.

- The actual allocation of funds to the overall footpath construction program and its distribution to each of the sub-plan programs is determined by Council each year when each year's Delivery Plan is adopted with the figures above showing minimum expenditure.

2.5 Linkages with other footpath networks on Reserves

- It is noted that the Pittwater Public Roads Active Transport Strategy relates to the path network on road reserves. In addition there are networks of tracks, trails and pathways through reserves and connecting between streets (on reserves for access) that in a number of cases provide a de facto alternate route or complementary route, in the absence of a road reserve pathway. Primary examples include:
 - Bayview to Church Point scenic walkway has safely linked these suburbs – no footpath previously existed with former access in part only at low tide along the mudflat.
 - the Bicentennial Coastal walkway – this provides important pedestrian links such as from North Newport Beach to Bilgola Beach – this currently by-passes the Bilgola Bends and with the new stairs from Allen Avenue provides a link through to The Serpentine
 - the 'yellow brick road' from south Avalon to north Avalon is an important link
 - 'Pelican Path' at North Narrabeen
- Projects on reserves are funded via separate funding allocations for Reserves and Natural Environment Business Units.

Table 5 – New Paths and Tracks provided on Reserves

Year	Location	Expenditure
2013/14	Governor Phillip Park, Palm Beach – adjacent to North Palm Beach Surf Club –	\$45000
	Total for 2013/14	\$45,000
2014/15	Bilgola Headland Footpath – Stage 1	\$50,000
	Total for 2014/15	\$50,000

2.6 Funding of additional footpath works

The injection of additional loan funding for the 2013/14 footpath program assists the roll out of additional footpaths, however with the inclusion of the Supplementary List there are more projects needing funding and hence added cost to be met. Some of the footpath funding choices to accelerate the provision of more footpaths for the community could include:

- additional loan borrowing for subsequent years
- sale of redundant and hence surplus road reserve assets either as separate lots or road reserve 'strips' - under the Roads Act the proceeds from road asset sales are required to be spent on road related outcomes and Council has successfully used this asset conversion in the past to provide additional footpaths and road works. With robust land values in Pittwater a single whole lot road asset sale can be the equivalent to more than an entire additional annual footpath allocation converting a very low use asset to a highly sought after and well utilised primary community infrastructure asset need such as footpaths.

2.7 Bus Rapid Transit Project – potential source of future grant funding

Transport for NSW (TNSW) is currently developing a Rapid Bus Transit (BRT) scheme for the Northern Beaches that seeks to provide more effective and efficient bus services. The BRT involves more frequent buses along dedicated routes to encourage more people to use bus transport.

The Mona Vale Town Centre will be the main northern commuter node along with the Park & Ride facility at Warriewood. Park & Ride commuter parking is likely to be expanded with additional carpark capacity along with interchange improvements.

As part of the BRT, there will also be a focus on improved 'non car' access to transport nodes with a general 2 kilometre radius for pedestrian access and 5 kilometre radius for cycling. Projects in these areas may attract grant funding upon application by Council.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 Supporting & Connecting our Community (Social)

- 3.1.1 The Walks & Rides Masterplan, Pedestrian Amenity sub-Plan, Schools Footpath sub-Plan and Asset Management sub-Plan, enable Council to plan for the provision of paths/shared paths to cater for the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters in response to community needs for improved, safer access. The provision of paths has positive health and recreational benefits for the community and provide a physical link for local communities.

- 3.1.2 These footpaths also link with other track and trail networks that when combined connect our community and our many visitors to shops, schools, beaches, foreshores, reserves, sporting venue, etc.
- 3.1.3 The Supplementary (Stage 2) Walks & Rides List further expands the primary network and those connections

3.2 **Valuing & Caring for our Natural Environment (Environmental)**

- 3.2.1 The provision of shared paths/paths encourages walking and cycling as alternative transport modes to access local services and amenities with resultant decrease in greenhouse gas emissions and environmental benefits derived from reduced car usage.
- 3.2.2 Tracks and trails through bushland and wetland areas, although not part of the primary walks and rides network, will be linked to and provide the opportunity to experience natural areas in an environmentally sensitive manner.

3.3 **Enhancing our Working & Learning (Economic)**

- 3.3.1 Footpaths encourage walking which has positive economic and health benefits. Some footpaths become 'tourist routes' which adds to the economic viability of nodes and associated businesses, e.g. Bayview to Church Point scenic walkway.

3.4 **Leading an Effective & Collaborative Council (Governance)**

- 3.4.1 The Walks & Rides Masterplan consultation process included community input over an extended period of time prior to adoption by Council.
- 3.4.2 The Pedestrian Amenity sub-Plan and Schools Footpath sub-Plan have been developed as an adjunct to the Walks & Rides Masterplan in response to concerns raised by the community during the consultation process leading to the development of the Walks & Rides Masterplan.

In particular the need for improved footpaths adjoining Elanora Heights Primary School along with improved traffic management has been comprehensively assessed and extensively consulted with the school and local community.

Recognising that there are many locations requiring footpaths a Stage 2 (Supplementary List) has been compiled
- 3.4.3 The Pittwater Special Rate Variation is being effectively utilised to fund new and upgraded footpaths.
- 3.4.4 Consistent with property asset management, there is the potential to convert some redundant road reserve land (sell) and use the income to fund additional high priority footpath linkages and thereby accelerate the provision of footpaths for our community.

3.5 **Integrating our Built Environment (Infrastructure)**

- 3.5.1 The Walks & Rides Masterplan; Pedestrian Amenity sub-Plan; Schools Footpath sub-Plan; and Asset Management sub-Plan along with the networks of tracks and trails help Council plan for and encourage sustainable transport options, to improve the mobility of residents, to integrate existing transport options and improve resident access to public reserves, schools, village centres, beaches and other nodes.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 4.1 This report provides a status update on the implementation of Council's Road Reserve Active Transport Strategy, noting projects completed in 2013/14 and those proposed for 2014/15.
- 4.2 Council's Road Reserve Active Transport Strategy comprises the following plans:
- Road Reserve Walking Sub Plan
 - Schools Footpath Sub Plan
 - Pedestrian Amenity Sub Plan
 - Footpath Asset Management Sub Plan
 - Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Sub Plan
 - Bus Stop Upgrade Sub Plan
 - Road Reserve Cycling Sub Plan
- 4.3 In 2013/14, Council constructed works on roads to the value of \$1,162,574.
- 4.4 In 2014/15 (as at 1.9.14), Council has allocated \$1,258,026 for construction of works on roads under the Public Roads Active Transport Strategy.
- 4.5 On public reserves, Council has carried out works to the value of \$45,000 in 2013/14 and has funded works to the value of \$50,000 in 2014/15.
- 4.6 Updated prioritised work schedules for the plans listed in 4.2 are attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That this status report and the revised schedules of prioritised projects for each sub plan and the remaining of the Public Roads Active Transport Strategy, be noted.

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Road Reserves Walking Sub Plan Stage 1 (previously Pittwater Walks and Rides Strategy Masterplan) Prioritised Works Program (projects to be completed after 1.7.2015 subject to funding)

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Estimate \$	Comments
Barrenjoey Rd	Avalon	Central Rd to Surf Side Ave	Construct 380m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	60,000	Missing footpath link between Avalon shops and school/beach/Nth Avalon shops and access to bus stop near Central Road for school children
Barrenjoey Rd	Newport	Coles Pde to Neptune St	Construct 300m of 2.5m wide concrete shared path on western side	80,000	Missing shared path section in project to provide pedestrian/cycle link between Avalon and Newport separate to main road route through Bilgola Bends
Surf Side Ave	Avalon	Barrenjoey Rd to end	Construct 310m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on western side and widen existing path in pathway reserve to 2.5m	80,000	Missing path section in project to provide a pedestrian link between Avalon and Newport separate to main road route through Bilgola Bends.
Walsh St - Stg 2	Nth Narrabeen	Collins St to Narrabeen Park Pde	Construct 450m of 2.5m wide concrete shared path on north side	130,000	Links beaches to shared path network and North Narrabeen Reserve subject to PoM for Reserve and parking Masterplan for Walsh Street
Narroy Ave	Nth Narrabeen	Lido Ave to Nareen Pde	Construct 90m of 1.5m wide footpath on eastern side	125,000	Bridge widening over creek required. Includes construction of kerb and gutter. Allow for 6m carriageway plus indented width parking bays
Elouera Rd	Avalon	Coolawin Rd to Ruskin Rowe	Construct 150m of 1.2m wide concrete footpath on northern side	95,000	Missing section of path to complete link to Avalon Parade via Ruskin Rowe from existing path.
Garden St	Nth Narrabeen	Katoa Cl to The Crescent	Construct 450m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on western side	135,000	Missing section of path on sub-arterial road (high traffic) linking Warriewood Valley land release to North Narrabeen shops and lagoon
Ocean St - Stg 1	Newport	Robertson Rd to Coles Pde	Construct 130m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	40,000	Missing section of path connecting area of unit development to the Newport shops and main road
Ocean St - Stg 2	Newport	Coles Pde to Neptune St	Construct 170m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	40,000	Missing section of path connecting area of unit development to the Newport shops and main road
Narrabeen Pk Pde - Stg 1	Mona Vale	Melbourne Ave to Cook Tce (Melbourne to 220m)	Construct 220m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north western side	100,000	Missing link and forms part of the Bicentennial Walkway. Driveways too steep to allow path on east side. Facing wall needed along new path to protect embankments. 7.5m road pavement.

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Estimate \$	Comments
Narrabeen Pk Pde - Stg 2	Mona Vale	Melbourne Ave to Cook Toe (220m to Cook)	Construct 220m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north western side	100,000	Missing link and forms part of the Bicentennial Walkway. Driveways too steep to allow path on east side. Facing wall needed along new path to protect embankments. 7.5m road pavement.
Melbourne Ave	Mona Vale	Narrabeen Park Pde to Bruce St	Construct 70m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	20,000	Missing section of path providing a link to the pedestrian refuge and adjacent bus stops as well being part of the Bicentennial Walkway

ATTACHMENT 1 (continued)

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Estimate \$	Comments
Emma St	Mona Vale	Mona Vale Rd to Maxwell St	Construct 60m of 1.5m wide concrete path on northern side	40,000	Missing path section linking residential areas of Mona Vale to the public school and Mona Vale shops
Pittwater Rd	Warriewood	Lakeside Rd to Powderworks Rd	Widen 390m of existing footpath on west side to a 2.5m shared path	120,000	Missing shared path section along main road linking Warriewood Valley to Nth Narrabeen, Narrabeen Lagoon and Warriegah
Rickard Rd - Stg 1	Nth Narrabeen	Gondola Rd to Nareen Pde	Construct 170m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	50,000	Staged project to connect Rickard/Anana Road to Nareen Parade to remove obstruction to pedestrians accessing the public school, Narrabeen RSL and Nth Narrabeen Shops
Parkland Rd - Stg 2	Mona Vale	Pieta Cr to Samuel St	Construct 370m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on southern side	100,000	Staged project to connect Samuel St/Warriewood land release/Ingleside to Mona Vale shops/schools
Ruskin Rowe	Avalon	Elouera Rd to Avalon Pde	Construct 130m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	30,000	Missing link in connection between Avalon Pde and public school
Dress Circle Rd	Avalon	Old Barrenjoey Rd to Bellevue Ave	Construct 160m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on southern side	60,000	Missing footpath linking connecting Bellevue Ave to Old Barrenjoey Rd to provide access to school.
Maxwell St	Mona Vale	Katrina Ave to Parkland Rd	Construct 100m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on western side	30,000	Missing section of path to provide access to the public school and Mona Vale Rd
Bolwarra Rd	Elanora	Powderworks Rd to Garden St	Construct 450m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	150,000	Missing footpath link to shopping centre / wetlands. Small retaining walls required.
Parkland Rd - Stg 1	Mona Vale	Maxwell St to Pieta Cr	Construct 370m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on southern side	120,000	Further stage to connect Samuel St/Ingleside to Mona Vale shops/school
Narrabeen Pk Pde - Stg 3	Mona Vale	Cook Tce to Coronation St	Construct 110m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north western side	50,000	Further stage in provision of path to Mona Vale hospital along the route of Bicentennial Walkway
Maxwell St - Stg 1	Mona Vale	Emma St to Suzanne Rd	Construct 220m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on western side	60,000	Missing link in connection between Avalon Pde and public school
Grandview Dr - Stg 4	Newport	Sybil St to Seaview Ave	Construct 120m of 1.2m wide concrete footpath on western side	120,000	Further stage in providing pedestrian path from Bilgola Heights to the Newport shops
Maxwell St - Stg 2	Mona Vale	Suzanne Rd to Katrina Ave	Construct 370m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on western side	100,000	Missing link in connection between Avalon Pde and public school

ATTACHMENT 1 (continued)

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Preliminary Estimate \$	General Comments
Neptune Street	Newport	Ocean St to Seaview Ave	Construct 170m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on southern side	40,000	Missing path to connect area of unit development to Newport shops
Barrenjoey Road - Stg 1	Bilgola	Attunga Rd to The Serpentine (Attunga to 300m)	Construct 300m of 2.5m wide concrete shared path on eastern side	160,000	Further stage in provision of shared path between Avalon shops and Newport
Barrenjoey Road - Stg 2	Bilgola	Attunga Rd to The Serpentine (300m to Serpentine)	Construct 300m of 2.5m wide concrete shared path on eastern side	160,000	Further stage in provision of shared path between Avalon shops and Newport
The Serpentine - Stg 1	Newport	Barrenjoey Rd to Allen Ave	Construct 300m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	110,000	Further stage in provision of path between Avalon and Newport shops to avoid the main road and Bilgola Bends
Pittwater Road	Mona Vale	Mona St to Cabbage Tree Rd	Construct 440m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on western side	115,000	Missing path along sub-arterial road providing safe connection between Bayview and public school/Mona Vale shops
Hunter St - Stg 1	Nth Narrabeen	Pittwater Rd to Carpenter Cr	Construct 180m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north side	50,000	Links to pedestrian crossing at traffic signals on Barrenjoey Rd. Small walls required.
Terama Crescent	Bilgola Plateau	Raymond Rd to Plateau Rd	Construct 400m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on eastern side	120,000	Missing path connection between path to Bilgola Plateau from Newport shops and path in Plateau Rd leading to public school/Avalon shops.
Raymond Road - Stg 2	Bilgola Plateau	Cheryl Cr to Argyle St	Construct 300m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on southern side	150,000	Missing path connection between path to Bilgola Plateau from Newport shops and path in Plateau Rd leading to public school/Avalon shops.
Barrenjoey Road	The Serpentine to No. 482	Avalon	Construct 160m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath	100,000	Further stage in provision of path between Avalon and Newport shops to avoid the main road and Bilgola Bends
Hunter St - Stg 2	Nth Narrabeen	Carpenter Cr to Narrabeen Park Pde	Construct 80m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on south side	50,000	Links Warriewood Valley to Warriewood Beach. Driveway adjustments prohibit path on northern side.
Grandview Drive - Stg 5	Newport	No. 67 to No. 69/25	Construct 25m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on southern side	50,000	Further stage in providing pedestrian path from Bilgola Heights to the Newport shops
				\$3,140,000	

Note: Estimates are preliminary and subject to review when construction plans are prepared.

Road Reserve Walking Sub Plan DRAFT Future Footpath Schedule (Stage 2)

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Estimate (\$)	Comments
Marinna Rd	Elanora	Wangara St to Elanora Rd	380m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	170,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Powderworks Rd to Elanora Rd to allow access to Elanora Public School, Nth Narrabeen shops and Narrabeen Lagoon
Crescent Rd	Newport	Beaconsfield St to Waterview St	1,600 of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	900,000	Provides an alternate pedestrian path between Mona Vale and Newport shops and improves pedestrian safety/ amenity
The Boulevarde	Newport	Myola Rd to Ross St	170m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on south side	90,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Queens Pde/school/Newport Wharf to Newport beach/shops/ community centre
Myola Rd	Newport	Queens Pde East to The Boulevarde	350m of 1.5m wide concrete path on west side	140,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Queens Pde/school/Newport Wharf to Newport beach/shops/ community centre
Queens Pde East	Newport	Barrenjoey Rd to Myola Rd	340m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north side	150,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Queens Pde/school/Newport Wharf to Newport beach/shops/ community centre
Prince Alfred Pde	Newport	Yacht Club to Irrubel Rd	500m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on west side	190,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Newport shops/main road to yacht clubs in Prince Alfred Pde
Irrubel Rd	Newport	Prince Alfred Pde to Nooal St	450m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on south side	235,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Newport shops/main road to yacht clubs in Prince Alfred Pde
Nooal St	Newport	Irrubel Rd to Bardo Rd	170m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	100,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Newport shops/main road to yacht clubs in Prince Alfred Pde
The Serpentine	Bilgola	Allen Ave to Old Barrenjoey Rd	400m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	400,000	Provides a section of path providing pedestrian access between Newport and Avalon shops, separate to the main road and Bilgola Bends.
Joseph St	Avalon	Queens Ave to George St	180m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	80,000	Provides a section of a path that would link the local shops in Elvina Avenue and school to local properties

ATTACHMENT 2 (continued)

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Estimate \$	Comments
Queens Ave	Avalon	Joseph St to Elvina Rd	410m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north side	175,000	Provides a section of a path that would link the local shops in Elvina Avenue and school to local properties
Barrenjoey Rd	Palm Beach	Beach Rd to Palm Beach Wharf	500m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north/west side. RMS approval required	600,000	Provides a path between the Palm Beach shops/reserve/wharf and the beach/Gov. Philip Reserve along the main road where pedestrians have no option other than to walk on the road carriageway.
Careel Head Rd	Palm Beach	Barrenjoey Rd to Whale Beach Rd	460m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on south side	200,000	Provides a path between Whale Beach Rd and North Avalon shops
Lake Park Rd	Nth Narrabeen	Pittwater Rd to Collins St	320m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on south side – see Reserve PoM	120,000	Link to caravan park from main road/bus route on adjacent reserve (see reserve PoM).
Collins St	Nth Narrabeen	Lakeside Rd to Walsh St	500m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	150,000	Links Narrabeen Reserve and Walsh Street shared path to caravan park and lagoon – east side
Gondola Rd	Nth Narrabeen	Venetian Rd to Rickard Rd	560m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on south side	270,000	South side. Links path in Rickard Rd to shops. Deferred Stage 1 project subject to adoption of Nth Narrabeen shops Masterplan
Bristol Lane	Nth Narrabeen	Windsor Pde to Rickard Rd	80m of 1.5m concrete footpath on east side	55,000	East side. Provides pedestrian link. Deferred Stage 1 project subject to adoption of Nth Narrabeen shops Masterplan.
Nareen Pde	Nth Narrabeen	Full length	1,000m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	350,000	Deferred Stage 1 project subject to adoption of Nth Narrabeen shops Masterplan. Locate adjacent to reserve fence
Lido Ave	Nth Narrabeen	Gondola Rd to Narroy Ave	200m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on north side	100,000	Deferred Stage 1 project subject to adoption of Nth Narrabeen shops Masterplan. K&G and road drainage needed. North side.
Narroy Ave	Nth Narrabeen	Venetian Rd to Lido Ave	130m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	75,000	Deferred Stage 1 project subject to adoption of Nth Narrabeen shops Masterplan. East side.
Venetian Rd	Nth Narrabeen	Narroy Ave to Gondola Rd	80m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	35,000	Deferred Stage 1 project subject to adoption of Nth Narrabeen shops Masterplan. East side.
Merridong St	Elanora	Powderworks Rd to Wangara Rd	240m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	75,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Powderworks Rd to Elanora Rd to allow access to Elanora Public School, Nth Narrabeen shops and Narrabeen Lagoon

ATTACHMENT 2 (continued)

Street	Suburb	Location	Project Description	Estimate \$	Comments
Wangara St	Elanora	Merridong Rd to Marina Rd	80m of 1.5m wide concrete footpath on east side	35,000	Provides a section of a path that would link Powderworks Rd to Elanora Rd to allow access to Elanora Public School, Nth Narrabeen shops and Narrabeen Lagoon
Kunari Place	Mona Vale	Park Street to Darley Street West	190m of 1.5m concrete path	75,000	Provide link on well used route to high school and golf course
Darley Street	Mona Vale	Pittwater Road to Kunari Place	170m of 1.5m concrete path	70,000	Provide link on well used route to school and Mona Vale shops and completes missing section in existing path
Total				\$4,840,000	

Note:

- *Estimates are preliminary and subject to review when construction plans are prepared.*
- *Projects are not in priority order. To be prioritised when final stage 2 schedule adopted by Council on practical completion of all stage 1 projects*

Schools Footpath Program

STREET	LOCATION	SUBURB	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	ESTIMATE (\$)	COMMENTS
Elanora Road	Anana Road to Woorarra Road	Elanora Heights	Stage 2B - Construct Retaining Walls and Handrail from No.27 to Weeroona Avenue	2B	\$85,000	Create 1.2m wide level grassed area for future Concrete Path
Elanora Road	Anana Road to Woorarra Road	Elanora Heights	Stage 3 - Construct 1.2m wide Concrete Footpath from No.27 to Weeroona Avenue	3	\$60,000	
Oak Street	Full length	North Narrabeen	Construct Concrete Footpath West side (1.5m wide by 231m)	4	\$100,000	Path 500mm off Property Boundary
Dress Circle Road	Bellevue Avenue to Old Barrenjoey Road	Avalon	Stage 1 - Construct Kerb and Gutter on North side	5	\$90,000	Create 7.5m wide road carriageway between kerb and level area for future Concrete Path. Also in Walks & Ride Master Plan
Barrenjoey Road	Central Road to Surfside Parade	Avalon	Construct 1.5m Concrete Footpath on East side	6	\$75,000	Missing link
Dress Circle Road	Bellevue Avenue to Old Barrenjoey Road	Avalon	Stage 2 - Construct 1.5m wide Concrete Footpath, North side	8	\$40,000	
Oliver Way	Wangara Street to Mona Vale Road	Mona Vale	Construct 1.5m wide Concrete Footpath full length East side	9	\$60,000	
Dewrang Avenue	Dewrang Avenue	Elanora Heights	Reconstruct Asphalt Footpath in Concrete	10	\$40,000	Path to Elanora Road (steps not to be reconstructed)
TOTAL					\$405,000	

Pedestrian Amenity Program – Stage 1 – January 2015

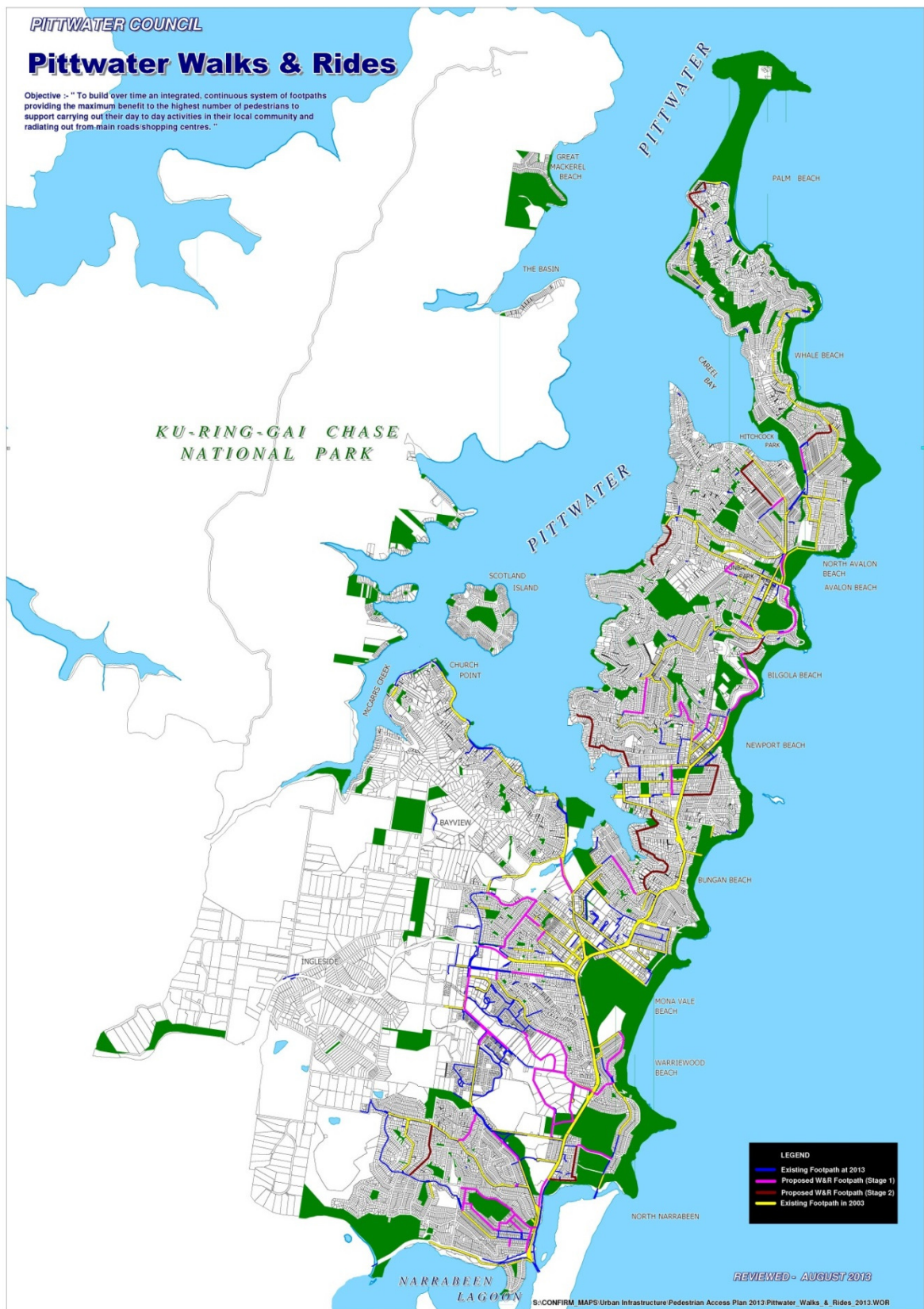
(Projects on Main Roads to Collector Roads only)

Street	Suburb	Location (property numbers)	Project Description	Asset Segment Section Number	Side	Weighting Factor	Priority	Estimate
Various	Various	Bus stops	Annual project allocation to provide bus stop slabs and/or kerbs as required by the Disability Discrimination Act	N.A			1	\$20,000
Barrenjoey Rd	Palm Beach	1 – 3 Waratah St	Regrade low level earth path to enable pedestrian access and hand rail to steps	No path – main road	W	52	3	\$20,000
Whale Beach Rd	Palm Beach	197	Relocate ELP out of path to provide 900mm wide access path	N.A.	E	45	9	\$20,000
Barrenjoey Rd	Nth Avalon	634 – 638	Extend K&G and regrade nature strip and provide access	No path – main road	E	51	4	\$20,000
Grandview Dr	Bilgola	49	Relocate ELP out of path	N.A.	S	49	5	\$20,000
Wallumatta Rd	Newport	37 – 39	Construct toe wall to allow pedestrians to walk through intersection on nature strip and hand rail	1565	S	44	10	\$20,000
Powderworks Rd	Nth Narrabeen	60 – 76	Reconstruct walls and widen concrete path to provide 900mm wide area beside power poles for pedestrians	1814	SW	45	8	\$20,000
Powderworks Rd	Nth Narrabeen	54	Reconstruct wall and concrete pit to provide 900mm wide path beside ELP	1814	SW	45	7	\$20,000
Total								\$160,000

WARRIEWOOD VALLEY LAND RELEASE FOOTPATHS
(Footpaths to be constructed on existing public roads as at 30.6.2015)

Street	Location	Side of Road	Type	Developer Provided	S94 Funded
Macpherson Street	Forest Rd to Ponderosa St	East	Shared		X
Macpherson Street	Forest Rd to Garden St	North	Shared		X
Macpherson Street	Garden St to Brands Lane	North	Shared	X	
Macpherson Street	Garden St to No 163	South	Shared		X
Macpherson Street	Boondah Rd to Warriewood Rd	South	Shared		X
Macpherson Street	Boondah Rd to Warriewood Rd	North	Shared		X
Ponderosa Parade	Macpherson St to Jubilee Ave	East	Shared		X
Jubilee Avenue	Ponderosa Pde to Warriewood Rd	North	Shared		X
Garden Street	Macpherson St to Orchard St	West	Shared	X	
Garden Street	Macpherson St to No 195	East	Shared		X
Orchard Street	Garden St to Fern Creek Rd	North	Path	X	
Orchard Street	Fern Creek Rd to Mahogany Rd	North	Path	X	
Fern Creek Road	Full length	East	Path	X	
Warriewood Road	Jubilee Rd to 12 Apollo Rd	West	Shared	X	
Warriewood Road	No 99 to Macpherson St	West	Shared	X	
Warriewood Road	Macpherson St to Vuko Pl	South	Shared		X
Warriewood Road	Vuko Pl to Pittwater Rd	South	Shared		X
Boondah Road	No 12 to Jacksons Rd	West	Shared		X

Note: In addition to the above road related facilities, the Warriewood Valley Land Release also includes S94 facilities (shared use paths) along Narrabeen Creek and Fern Creek as part of an overall network of walking and cycling facilities.



C9.3	Amendments to Section 296 of the Local Government Act 1993 Relating to the Conduct of Elections
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Meeting: Connecting Communities Committee

Date: 1 September 2014

STRATEGY: Business Management

ACTION: To maintain and improve democratic process

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Council of recent amendments to section 296 of the Local Government Act 1993 relating to the conduct of council elections.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Government Amendment (Conduct of Elections) Act 2013, which commenced on 25 June 2013, enhances the flexibility of Councils to make decisions on the conduct of their elections. This was enacted to address concerns raised by local government and the NSW Electoral Commissioner (NSWEC) on the timing of making a decision on the conduct of elections. Amendments have been made to section 296 of the Act which allows Councils to determine who it would like to undertake its Council elections (refer **Attachment 1**).

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 Councils are able to decide up to 18 months prior to an ordinary election to enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct all of their elections, referendums and polls and to enter into any such contract up to 15 months before the election.
- 2.2 The contract may be terminated by either party at any time following the ordinary election and will expire 18 months prior to the next ordinary election unless terminated earlier.
- 2.3 Councils may also enter into a contract with the NSWEC to conduct their individual elections (other than ordinary elections), referendums and polls at any time.
- 2.4 In exceptional circumstances the NSWEC may agree to conduct an ordinary election at any time.
- 2.5 Councils that have already resolved to engage the NSWEC to conduct a by-election under section 296 within 12 months of the 2012 ordinary election will not be obliged to use the NSWEC to conduct other elections, referendums or polls..

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 A sustainability assessment is not required for this report.
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4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 4.1 The amendment to s296 of the Local Government Act provides Councils the ability to make decisions on the conduct of their elections. The provisions of the amendment enables Council to enter into a contract with the NSW Electoral Commission up to 15 months from the date of an election.
- 4.2 The conduct of elections by the NSW Electoral Commission provides a professional, cost effective and transparent means for Council to conduct elections, referendums and polls.

- 4.3 Council has utilised the services of the NSWEC in the past and the General Manager has no concerns regarding the way past elections have been managed.
- 4.4 I am aware that some Councils have undertaken the election process themselves however I am a strong believer that the process should be managed independently of Council to negate any perception of bias in the process and in addition to negate any reputational risk should something go wrong.
- 4.5 I am also aware that some Councils have used a private company for the conduct of their elections however their experience in the conduct of Local Government elections is still relatively new however as they gain experience it may be an option to explore in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the *Local Government Act 1993* Council enter into an election arrangement by contract for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of the Council.
2. That pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, enter into by contract a poll arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all council polls of the Council.
3. That pursuant to s. 296(2) and (3) of the Act, as applied and modified by s.18, enter into by contract a constitutional referendum arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all constitutional referenda of the Council.

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Division 1 Administration of elections

296 How elections are to be administered

- (1) Elections for the purposes of this Chapter are to be administered by the general manager of the council concerned, except as provided by this section.
Note. Section 18 provides that certain provisions of this Act (relating to the conduct of elections) apply to council polls and constitutional referendums, with such modifications as may be necessary, in the same way as they apply to elections.
- (2) A council can enter into an arrangement (an **election arrangement**) with the Electoral Commissioner, by contract or otherwise, for the Electoral Commissioner to administer elections of the council as provided by this section. If such an arrangement is entered into, the Electoral Commissioner is to administer elections of the council in accordance with the arrangement.
- (3) An election arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of a council can be entered into if:
 - (a) the council resolves at least 18 months before the next ordinary election of councillors that such an arrangement is to be entered into, and
 - (b) the arrangement is entered into no later than 15 months before the next ordinary election of councillors.
- (4) An election arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer a particular election of a council (other than an ordinary election of councillors) can be entered into at any time if the council has resolved that an election arrangement for the election is to be entered into.
- (5) An election arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer an ordinary election of councillors can be entered into less than 15 months before the election if:
 - (a) the council has resolved that an election arrangement for the election is to be entered into, and
 - (b) the Electoral Commissioner is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances that make it necessary or desirable for the election to be administered by the Electoral Commissioner.
- (6) An election arrangement for the Electoral Commissioner to administer all elections of a council can be terminated by the council or the Electoral Commissioner at any time after the next ordinary election of councillors (by giving written notice of termination). If the arrangement is not terminated by either party after an ordinary election of councillors, the arrangement is automatically terminated 18 months before the next ordinary election of councillors.
- (7) The Electoral Commissioner is to administer the first election for an area after its constitution. Expenses incurred by the Electoral Commissioner (including the remuneration of election officials) in connection with such an election are to be met by the council and are recoverable from the council as a debt owed to the Electoral Commissioner.
- (8) This section does not apply to an election of the mayor or a deputy mayor by councillors.

296A Elections administered by a general manager

- (1) This section applies to an election administered by the general manager of a council.
- (2) The general manager is to appoint a returning officer and a substitute returning officer for the election. In the absence of the returning officer, the substitute returning officer is to exercise the functions of the returning officer.
- (3) The returning officer is to appoint one or more electoral officials.
- (4) An employee of a council for an area cannot be appointed as a returning officer or substitute returning officer for that area. However, an electoral official may be an employee of the council.
- (5) A general manager cannot be appointed as a returning officer, substitute returning officer or electoral official for any area.
- (6) For the purpose of conducting an election, the returning officer and substitute returning officer for an area are entitled to access to any relevant records of the council for the area.
- (7) For the purpose of administering an election, the general manager is to:
 - (a) appoint the polling places, and
 - (b) determine the fees payable to the returning officer, substitute returning officer and electoral officials.
- (8) For the purpose of conducting an election, the returning officer is to determine any matter not provided for by this Act or the regulations.
- (9) Expenses incurred by the returning officer, substitute returning officer and electoral officials in connection with an election are to be met by the council.
- (10) The returning officer and the substitute returning officer must not vote at any election that they are conducting.

296B Elections administered by the Electoral Commissioner

- (1) This section applies to an election administered by the Electoral Commissioner.
- (2) The Electoral Commissioner is to appoint a returning officer and a substitute returning officer for each area. The returning officer is to conduct elections on behalf of, and under the direction of, the Electoral Commissioner. In the absence of the returning officer, the substitute returning officer is to exercise the functions of the returning officer.
- (3) The returning officer is to appoint one or more electoral officials.
- (4) An employee of a council for an area cannot be appointed as a returning officer or substitute returning officer for that area. However, an electoral official may be an employee of the council.
- (5) For the purpose of conducting an election, the returning officer and substitute returning officer for an area are entitled to access to any relevant records of the council for the area.
- (6) For the purpose of conducting an election, the Electoral Commissioner is to:
 - (a) appoint the polling places, and
 - (b) determine the fees payable to the returning officer, substitute returning officer and electoral officials, and
 - (c) determine any matter not provided for by this Act or the regulations.
- (7) The Electoral Commissioner, the returning officer and the substitute returning officer must not vote at any election that they are conducting.

297 Delegation of functions by the Electoral Commissioner

The Electoral Commissioner may delegate to a person any of the Electoral Commissioner's functions under this Act, other than this power of delegation.

C9.4	Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Sydney Council and Pittwater Council to Continue the Partnership to Provide Aboriginal Heritage Services
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Meeting: Connecting Communities Committee

Date: 1 September 2014

STRATEGY: Building Communities

ACTION: Promote Indigenous Culture to the wider community

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek endorsement for the re-signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Sydney Council and Pittwater Council to continue the partnership to provide Aboriginal Heritage services.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A Partnership was formed in March 2000 between North Sydney Council, Lane Cove Council, Willoughby City Council and Warringah Council, to collectively fund and employ an Aboriginal Heritage Manager to assist the participating councils in the effective conservation and protection of Aboriginal Heritage sites. Since that time, Ku-ring-gai, Pittwater (since 2007), City of Ryde and Manly Councils have also seen the benefits of this partnership and have joined in this partnership arrangement.
- 1.2 The Aboriginal Heritage Office's (AHO's) projects and activities are based on three main areas – site management, Council support and education. An important task has been the reviewing of the Aboriginal Heritage function with councils and improving systems.

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 The AHO will be employed to assist Pittwater Council in the effective conservation and protection of Aboriginal heritage sites within the Pittwater Local Government area.
- 2.2 Pittwater Council will agree to participate in the funding of the Aboriginal Heritage Office. The period of funding will run from 27th March 2015 for a five year term until 27th March 2020.
- 2.3 A steering committee will be convened each four months with representation from each participating Council to monitor the progress and determine the future work programming requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Office.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that the cost for each Council to continue to fund the Aboriginal Heritage Office will be similar to the current year's contributions of \$35,000 per annum, with a \$1,000 increase per year, commencing on 27th March 2015.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 Supporting & Connecting our Community (Social)

- 3.1.1 Participation with Regional councils enables Pittwater Council to effectively conserve and protect key Aboriginal Heritage sites.

3.2 Valuing & Caring for our Natural Environment (Environmental)

- 3.2.1 AHO plays a role providing site management and assistance with Council in the implementation of its programs.

3.3 Enhancing our Working & Learning (Economic)

- 3.3.1 A key element of the AHO is through education with provision of literature, website, museum and keeping place, school presentations, community presentations and guided walks.

3.4 Leading an Effective & Collaborative Council (Governance)

- 3.4.1 It is necessary for Council to have access to key advice and professional services that can work closely with the Aboriginal custodians of the land, the Metropolitan Land Council and the Aboriginal community on Aboriginal Heritage issues.

3.5 Integrating our Built Environment (Infrastructure)

- 3.5.1 The access to information, support and liaison in Council's planning and infrastructure implementation enables Council to effectively plan and implement programs and services with least impact and protection of our natural aboriginal heritage.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 4.1 To seek endorsement for the re-signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Sydney Council and Pittwater Council to continue the partnership to provide Aboriginal Heritage services.
- 4.2 Since 2007 Pittwater Council has been a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding to assist and support Council in improving Aboriginal Heritage functions.
- 4.3 It is anticipated that the cost for each Council to continue to fund the Aboriginal Heritage Office will be similar to the current year's contributions of \$35,000 per annum, with a \$1,000 increase per year, commencing on 27th March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the General Manager's re-signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between North Sydney Council and Pittwater Council for the effective conservation and protection of Aboriginal heritage sites within the Pittwater Local Government area.

Report prepared by

Mark Ferguson
GENERAL MANAGER

C9.5	Minutes of the Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting - 6 August 2014
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Meeting: Connecting Communities Committee

Date: 1 September 2014

STRATEGY: Corporate Management

ACTION: Maintain and Service Council's Range of Committees

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present to Council for consideration the Connecting Communities Reference Group Minutes of 6 August 2014 (refer **Attachment 1**).

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Connecting Communities Reference Group was established by Council to consider matters involving goals and initiatives contained in the key directions of Council's Strategic Plan – Supporting and Connecting our Community and Enhancing our Working and Learning. Reference Points and outcomes from the Reference Group will inform the Delivery Plan process.
- 1.2 The strategic objectives within the associated key directions are:
- Building Communities
 - Recreational Management
 - Traffic & Transport
- 1.3 To fulfil its role the Connecting Communities Reference Group provides:
- a link between Council and the community which enhances communication about the strategic direction of Council initiatives
 - input from Council and the community (historical, social and environmental) when considering possible solution
 - consideration of implications from strategic initiatives and their likely impact on the local community, and
 - feedback to Council on behalf of the community

2.0 ISSUES

- 2.1 The 6 August 2014 Meeting considered the following discussion topics:
- CC4.2 Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan
 - CC4.1 Northern Beaches Mental Health Services Update
 - CC4.3 Place Management and Enliven Pittwater
- 2.2 As recorded in the Minutes, these topics were well researched and well received and generated a high degree of interest and robust discussion.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT

This report does not require a sustainability assessment.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The minutes of the Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting of 6 August 2014 are attached for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the Minutes of the Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting held on 6 August 2014 that relate to the discussion on:
 - CC4.2 Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan
 - CC4.1 Northern Beaches Mental Health Services Update
 - CC4.3 Place Management and Enliven Pittwater
2. That Council note the following Reference points from the meeting:
 - 2.1 **Northern Beaches Mental Health Services Update**

That the reference group thanked Mr Laurie Bassett of the Northern Beaches Community Care for his presentation on the Mental Health Services update and Ms Leanne Kelly, Social Planning & Community Development Co-ordinator for her update on Headspace.
 - 2.2 **Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment**
 1. That the Reference Group thank Ms Heather Gough and Mr Michael Player (NBHSR) for their presentation on the Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment.
 2. That appropriate State Government representatives be invited to the next Reference Group meeting and provide an update on the road infrastructure, funding and upgrades (especially in regards to Wakehurst Parkway and Mona Vale Road) around the implications and issues and accessibility to the new health services.
 - 2.3 **Place Management and Enliven Pittwater**

That reference group commended Council on the outcomes achieved by the Enliven Program, especially in relation to the recent Inaugural Young Artist program run in conjunction with Pittwater Community Arts. Avalon artist Mr Henry Curchod received the inaugural Pittwater Community Arts Young Emerging Artist grant and the exposure he has received has resulted in his artwork hanging in the Sulman, Sydney.

Report prepared by

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MANAGER, COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Minutes

Connecting Communities Reference Group

held in the Training Room at the Coastal Environment Centre, Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen on

6 August 2014

Commencing at 4.00pm

Attendance:

Cr Ferguson, Chairperson
Cr Millar

Community Representatives:

Ms Jennie MacKenzie - Clareville and Bilgola Plateau Residents Association
Ms Fiona Winter - Community Care Northern Beaches
Mr Hans Hui - Newport Residents Association
Mr Anthony Robinson - Sustainability Pittwater
Ms Julia Guinan - Warriewood Residents Association
Mr Mark Clementson – Mona Vale Residents Association
Ms Margaret White - Zonta Club of Northern Beaches Inc.
Ms Lorrie Morgan - Pittwater Resident Representative

and the following Council Advisors

Mr Lindsay Godfrey, Manager, Community and Library Services
Ms Leeane Kelly, Social Planning & Community Development Co-ordinator
Ms Melinda Hewitt, Manager – Place Management
Ms Liz Cassis, Project Officer – Enliven Pittwater
Mr Paul William-Smith, Economic Development Coordinator
Mr David Bremner, Community Engagement Officer
Ms Jane Mulroney, Manager – Community Engagement & Corporate Strategy
Ms Sherryn McPherson, Administration Officer/Minute Secretary

Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting

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1.0 Apologies

1. Apologies were received from:

- Mr Steve Evans, Director, Environmental Planning & Community
- Ms Jane Mulroney, Manager, Community Engagement & Corporate Strategy
- Mr Kieran Ash, Avalon Beach Youth Chamber of Commerce
- Mr Bill Gye, Scotland Island Residents Association
- Ms Penelope Gleen, West Pittwater Community Association
- Mr Allan Porter, Pittwater Resident Representative
- Mr Steve McInnes, Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches

and leave of absence was granted from the Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting held on 7 May 2014.

2. The Chair introduced and welcomed new Pittwater Council Staff Members Ms Leeane Kelly (Social Planning & Community Development Co-ordinator) and Mr David Bremner (Community Engagement Officer) to the Connecting Communities Reference Group Committee.
3. Mr Hans Hui representative of Newport Residents Association (NRA) tendered his resignation from the Connecting Communities Reference Group. A replacement from the NRA will be confirmed prior to the next reference group meeting.
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2.0 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Nil.

3.0 Confirmation of Minutes

REFERENCE GROUP RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting held on 7 May 2014, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

(Ms Jennie Mackenzie / Ms Julia Guinan)

4.0 Discussion Topics

CC4.2 Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Lindsay Godfrey, Manager, Community and Library Services addressed the meeting on this item and welcomed Ms Heather Gough and Mr Michael Player to the meeting to present on the Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment (NBHSR) item.

Ms Heather Gough addressed the meeting on behalf of the NBHSR and provided an update on the Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan. The current range of health services provided on the Northern Beaches need to be redesigned to support the changing needs of the local community. A new hospital for the Northern Beaches community will provide more complex health services at contemporary standards, with modern infrastructure that supports innovation, teaching and research. Local people will have excellent healthcare on their doorstep, with Northern Beaches Hospital and Mona Vale Hospital along with three new community health centres in Mona Vale, Seaforth and Brookvale. A copy of the presentation provided to the group is attached to the Minutes at **Attachment 1**.

Cr Millar addressed the meeting providing an update on the Notice of Motion that was moved at the Council meeting on 7 July 2014 (refer **Attachment 2**). Cr Millar indicated that in relation to the site as shown in the presentation provided by the NBHSR, that the recently released Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan includes a zone for the future expansion of Palliative Care Services. Whilst the nature of the expansion is unspecified, there seems to be significant community support for the inclusion of future inpatient Palliative Care beds, in a cottage style environment, to cater for the needs of terminally ill Northern Beaches residents, their families and friends.

Discussion Points:

Q: Will the new hospitals incorporate additional parking (e.g. Parking Stations) to ensure there is sufficient parking for the patients and visitors?

A: Yes the new hospitals will have changes made their car parking:

- Mona Vale Hospital: Each building and zone will require car parking incorporated into the design of the development. There are no plans to build a multi-story car park on site.
- Northern Community Health Centre: The services are currently already on the site however will be relocated into a new Community Health Centre which incorporates additional car parking. The services and clientele are already established and it is not predicted that the demand for parking will change greatly.

Q: Residents are confused as to what services will be available at the new locations, in relation to the Maternity and Children's ward, where will they be situated within the redevelopment?

A: The Maternity and Pediatrics ward will be located at the new Northern Beaches Hospital.

A significant amount of community information campaigns have been completed in regards to distributing the information to the region.

Further information can be obtained from:

Website: www.nbhsredev.health.nsw.gov.au

Email: northernbeaches.enquiries@hinfra.health.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 9978 5410

In addition, two Information sessions will be scheduled to be held in conjunction with Roads and Maritime Services especially formulated for residents to drop in and ask questions.

Q: Will the relocation of the Ambulance Service from Narrabeen to Mona Vale affect residents in regards to noise?

A: The relocation of the Ambulance Service will have no affect on the residents. Ambulances are not permitted to enter the hospitals with the sirens on, the only instances in which the Ambulances utilise their sirens is in case of emergency on the roads and are attempting to get a patient to the Hospital rapidly. Once they are clear of Traffic, the sirens are turned off.

Q: How many public beds will there be available at the new hospital?

A: The Hospital must have a minimum of 423 public beds. It will be a public and private hospital. The requirement under their contract is that public patients that enter the Hospital must be treated thus providing a constant fluctuation on the beds that they will require as they will be responding to demand.

REFERENCE POINT

3. That the Reference Group thank Ms Heather Gough and Mr Michael Player (NBHSR) for their presentation on the Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment.
4. That appropriate State Government representatives be invited to the next Reference Group meeting and provide an update on the road infrastructure, funding and upgrades (especially in regards to Wakehurst Parkway and Mona Vale Road) around the implications and issues and accessibility to the new health services.

(Ms Jennie McKenzie / Ms Fiona Winter)

CC4.1 Northern Beaches Mental Health Services Update

Proceedings in Brief

Mr Lindsay Godfrey, Manager, Community and Library Services addressed the meeting on this item and welcomed Mr Laurie Bassett of Northern Beaches Community Care to provide an update on the Northern Beaches Mental Health Services.

Mr Bassett presented to the group the Sydney Northshore Partners in Recovery Program (PIR). PIR has two major aims which are supporting individuals experiencing severe and persistent mental health conditions, their families, and their support networks, to access holistic support, when and where they need it; creating and supporting systems that work together to respond collectively to the needs of people with severe and persistent mental health conditions. A copy of the presentation provided to the group is at **Attachment 3**.

Discussion Points:

- Q:** It was mentioned that 1200 people were listed from the Northern Beaches region who suffered from serious mental health issues but the program could only support up to 505 patients, what happened to the remaining people?
- A:** The PIR is a government funded initiative and is a highly expensive program. The people referred to Sydney's North Shore and Beaches program (SNSB) are assessed for the services that best fit their needs and selected in order of patients with the most severe cases. The program has been established to better support people with severe and persistent mental illness with complex needs, and their carers and families, by making sure services and supports from multiple sectors work in a more collaborative, coordinated and integrated way. It aims to ensure the person, their needs, their families and carers will be at the centre of a holistic, individualized and flexible system which will continue to improve with the integration and collaboration across all services.
- The objectives of PIR are to:
- Provide coordination of supports and services to deliver support individually tailored to the persons needs.
 - Build better links between various support organisations.
 - Improve referral pathways between services to provide access to a full range of services.
 - Promote a community based recovery model to underpin all support services.
- Q:** What is the selection process for the candidates:
- A:** At this point the program is not at capacity and therefore are accepting all referrals, however it is predicted that patients with the most severe and consistent issues will be given priority. Once the program reaches capacity, a waiting list and selection process will be implemented with a report back system. Presently all cases are assisting with the establishment of the program and what is required across all services to treat individual cases.

Ms Leanne Kelly, Social Planning & Community Development Coordinator addressed the meeting and provided an update on the Headspace program.

The Headspace has made some great process recently and made the following advancements:

- The Headspace program has expanded from 30 centres nationally and will reach 90 in 2015.
- Established an E Headspace model and is engaging with residents online, through web based group work resources which is proving successful for residents who do not have access a centre.
- The Northern Beaches site has been selected and will be situated in Brookvale which was chosen as a central hub in relation to transportation. The Headspace program will be releasing a Press Release advising that the site has been selected and will be known as Headspace Brookvale. They are currently running a Tender process for builders and are planning to commence fit out works at the end of 2014 with services expecting to commence in early 2015. The Youth Advisory Group are also providing input in regards to the fit out and décor to ensure it is vibrant and welcoming.
- The Youth Advisory Group is currently operating and advising the lead agency. NSLHD are also recruiting for their Youth Access Team and Clinical Lead.

Discussion Points:

Q: In regards to the Youth Advisory Group, is it a large team and what age group does the team consist of?

A: The Youth Advisory Group contains approximately 15 – 20 young people ranging between the ages of 13 – 24.

REFERENCE POINT

That the Reference group thanked Mr Laurie Bassett of the Northern Beaches Community Care for his presentation on the Mental Health Services update and Ms Leanne Kelly, Social Planning & Community Development Co-ordinator for her update on Headspace.

(Mr Hans Hui / Mr Anthony Robinson)

CC4.3 Place Management and Enliven Pittwater

Proceedings in Brief

Ms Melinda Hewitt, Manager – Place Management addressed the meeting on this item. In April 2014, Pittwater Council established the new Place Management Business Unit. This Business Unit is one of fourteen business units within the organisational structure and will deliver on a number of key directions and strategies for the Pittwater Community including; economic development, place planning for town and village centres, delivering and supporting events and arts and cultural outcomes across Pittwater.

The Enliven Pittwater Strategy is one of the functions of the Place Management Business Unit. Enliven Pittwater has recently reached its one year anniversary with over 30 outcomes delivered during that time.

The group received an update and invitation to:

- **Mona Vale Long Lunch, 20 September 2014**

A growing local economy is critical to building a vibrant community. The event will be held in Bungan Lane, Mona Vale from 11am to 4pm and will transform the village into a retail / entertainment hub offering pedestrians the chance to access and experience the village in a pleasurable way.

For More information about the Enliven Mona Vale Long Lunch go to:

Website: businessinpittwater.com.au

Contact: The Place Management Team on enliven@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 9970 1111

- **Village Economies Summit, 18 – 20 September 2014**

Pittwater Council is committed to creating places where the community want to live, work, play and shop. The Village Economies Summit is an exciting three day event for business and community to be held in Mona Vale.

On Friday, 19 September 2014 the Village Economies Summit will showcase Mona Vale to visitors outside the area and includes a series of talks on place making, tourism, and creative industries from expert presenters as well as providing a great opportunity for business to network and promote their products and services.

For More information about the Village Economies Summit and ticket sales, go to:

Website: businessinpittwater.com.au

Contact: The Place Management Team on enliven@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 9970 1111

Further information on the Mona Vale Long Lunch and Village Economies Summit is attached to the minutes at **Attachment 5**.

There are a significant number of 'Place Management / Place Making' definitions however all recognise the purpose of 'Place' and the value of people's connection to place. The diagram on the following page, developed by Project for Public Spaces organisation (PPS), depicts the way in which places can be characterised using the four quadrants of key attributes to 'successful' places.

This model and approach provides a good foundation for understanding and planning for places in Pittwater.



The group received an exercise to complete utilizing the above 'Place' diagram and perform a Place Audit of precincts within Mona Vale and report results back to the Place Management team. A copy of the Place Audit is attached to the minutes at **Attachment 5**.

REFERENCE POINT

That Reference Group commended Council on the outcomes achieved by the Enliven Program, especially in relation to the recent Inaugural Young Artist program run in conjunction with Pittwater Community Arts. Avalon artist Mr Henry Curchod received the inaugural Pittwater Community Arts Young Emerging Artist grant and the exposure he has received has resulted in his artwork hanging in the Sulman Gallery..

(Ms Lorrie Morgan / Ms Julia Guinan)

5.0 Emerging Business

Superintendent, Mr David Darcy from the New South Wales Northern Beaches Local Area Command attended the meeting to address any questions or concerns from the Pittwater Residents. Mr Darcy also provided a brief update on Community Safety and Crime-related Issues Affecting Pittwater and advised the group that the Police Service are training and implementing a Push Bike Command which will monitor open spaces. A further update on this item will be provided at the next committee meeting.

Discussion Points:

Q: In regards to vandalism on our beaches including public property and graffiti, these particular crimes appear to be increasing in the Pittwater area. What can residents do to prevent further incidents?

A: Calling 000 is always the best option as they will refer the caller to the correct area and is more proficient then directly calling a Police Station. If you witness any resident breaking the law within the area, please report it to the Police so action can be taken immediately.

Note:

The Northern Beaches Local Area Command have been working together with Zonta Northern Beaches after establishing a connection at last Connecting Communities Reference Group Meeting in May and as result, Zonta have been allocated a position on the Agents of Domestic Violence Committee and will providing grant funding for a new program called "Love Bites".

6.0 Next Meeting

That the next meeting of the Connecting Communities will be held on 5 November 2014 at the Coastal Environment Centre commencing at 4.00pm.

Future Meeting topics:

- November: Transportation, Infrastructure and Open Space Strategy, and
- February: Model for Pittwater Council's Youth and Families Team

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS
THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.15PM
ON WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2014**



Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment

Improving healthcare on the Northern Beaches



Health
Infrastructure



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District

Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment

- ⦿ Large-scale investment for the Northern Beaches
- ⦿ Northern Beaches Hospital (level 5)
(including enabling works ahead of the hospital operator appointment)
- ⦿ New Community Health Centres:
 - Northern Community Health Centre at Mona Vale Hospital
 - Southern Community Health Centre in the Brookvale area
 - Dalwood Children's Services in Seaforth
- ⦿ Holding works at Manly and Mona Vale Hospitals
- ⦿ Redesigning Mona Vale Hospital from 2018.



Future of Mona Vale and Manly Hospitals

Manly Hospital

- ⦿ Fully operational until Northern Beaches Hospital opens in 2018
- ⦿ Community Advisory Group – set up to provide advice to Government
- ⦿ Future use of the site is not part of this project scope.

Mona Vale Hospital

- ⦿ Fully operational until Northern Beaches Hospital opens in 2018
- ⦿ From 2018 redesigned to provide health services to complement new hospital
- ⦿ Mona Vale Hospital masterplan to direct future healthcare use.



Mona Vale Hospital services in 2018 and into the future

- ⦿ Health services for Mona Vale Hospital will include:
 - 56 Sub-Acute rehabilitation/aged care beds (completed)
 - Urgent Care Centre (at planning stage)
 - Upgraded hydrotherapy pool (completed)
 - Northern Community Health Centre (to be completed in late 2015)
 - 10 Geriatric, Evaluation and Management (GEM) beds (at planning stage)
 - Palliative Care Ambulatory services (upgrade completed in 2013)
 - Helipad (upgrade completed in 2013).



Opportunities for partnerships

- ④ The plan also considers space or zones for possible future health and associated services which could include:
 - Ambulance Station
 - Sub-acute Mental Health services
 - Medical suites
 - GP Clinic
 - Family Resource Centre
 - Home and Community Care services
 - Primary Care services
 - Disability services
 - Staff and Carer accommodation
 - Residential care facilities.



Next steps

- ④ Mona Vale Hospital continues to provide acute services until Northern Beaches Hospital opens in 2018
- ④ NSLHD considers future health services reflecting the clinical services plan
- ④ NSLHD works with partners to deliver on infrastructure and service components
- ④ NSLHD develops an infrastructure plan for the site.

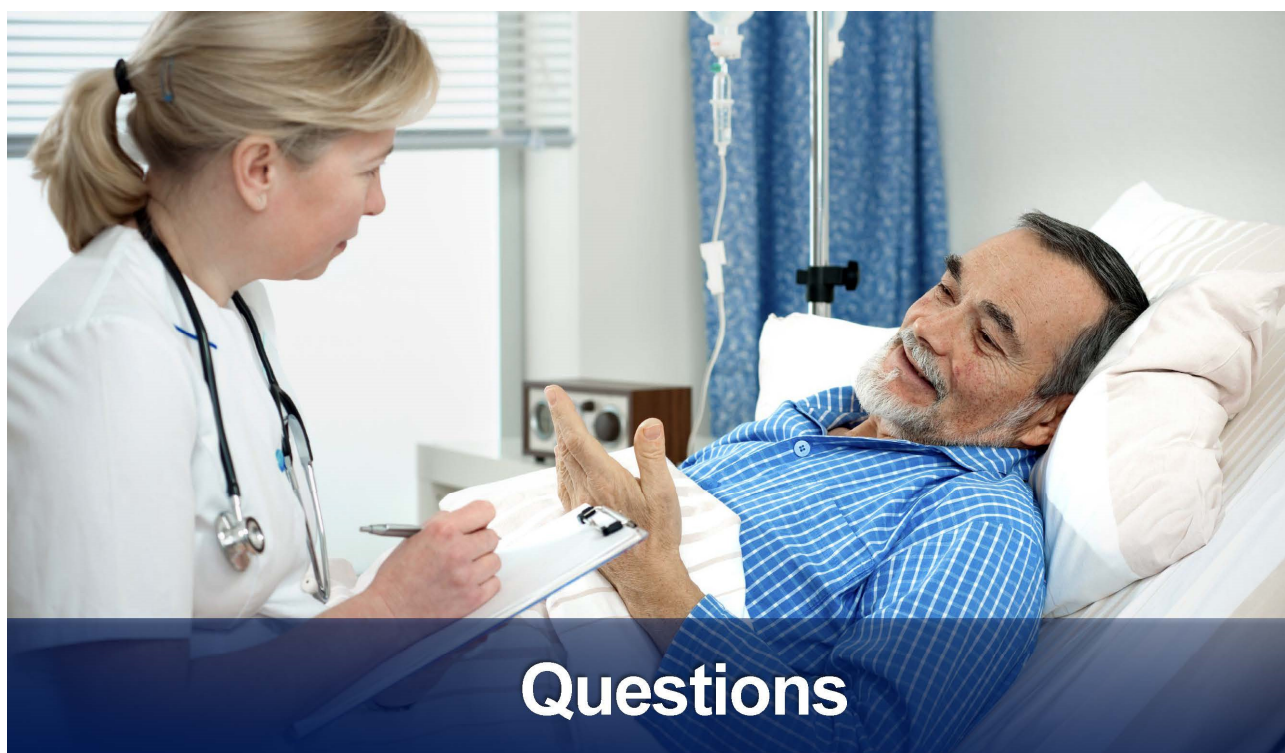


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**SUBJECT: Notice of Motion - The Need for Inpatient Palliative Care Services on the Northern Beaches
(Notice of Motion by Cr Kay Millar)****Meeting:** Council**Date:** 7 July 2014

NOTICE OF MOTION

BACKGROUND

Palliative Care Services are provided across the Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) by HammondCare.

HammondCare is an independent Christian charity, committed to improving the quality of life for people in need. The organisation specialises in providing dementia care, palliative care, rehabilitation, older persons' mental health and other health services. HammondCare provides these services across NSW through a range of subacute hospitals, residential care facilities and community care services.

Approximately 5 years ago HammondCare acquired Hope Healthcare, an established provider of subacute services including rehabilitation, older persons' mental health and palliative care. Through this acquisition HammondCare adopted responsibility for the operation of Neringah Hospital at Wahroonga, Greenwich Hospital at Greenwich, Braeside Hospital at Fairfield, and the Northern Beaches Palliative Care Service, which is based on the campus at Mona Vale Hospital. This service has recently been renewed with a \$630k extension to the Cora Adcock Palliative Care Centre, which was opened in October 2013 by the Hon Rob Stokes, MP, Member for Pittwater.

Range of Palliative Care Services Available on the Northern Beaches**(a) Home Support Packages**

HammondCare, in a consortium with Sacred Heart and Calvary, were awarded part of the \$35m contract for providing home support packages to assist people to die at home linked into a specialist community palliative care team.

(b) Community Care

Outpatient (day only) services are provided at the Cora Adcock Palliative Care Cottage located on the grounds of Mona Vale Hospital. Also, the Cora Adcock building is base to the Community 'at-home' team which provides services into homes with specialist medical, nursing, allied health, pastoral care and bereavement services. Unfortunately, not all end of life circumstances can be accommodated by either Home Support Packages or the services provided by the Cottage and require admission into a specialist palliative care unit at either Greenwich (25 beds) or Neringah (19 beds).

(c) **Hospice Care**

As a result in 2012/2013 over 200 Northern Beaches residents were referred to either Greenwich or Neringah for inpatient Palliative Care Services.

With the best support available through Home Support Packages and the fantastic services offered at the Cora Adcock Cottage there are still people who just cannot be cared for at home. These people and importantly their families must travel to Greenwich or Wahroonga, with no direct public transport, at a time when they are most vulnerable.

This unfortunately places a huge additional burden and dislocation on family and friends trying to cope with and support loved ones with a terminal illness. The demand, for further hospice beds to care for those vulnerable folk in end of life, will grow and not diminish in future years.

(d) **Funded beds at Mona Vale Hospital**

There are currently 4 beds assigned for Palliative Care at Mona Vale Hospital in the tower building. These beds are used for a variety of patients other than palliative care. They are in a typical hospital environment with little amenity for patients or their families. In the near future this facility will be unavailable.

Community Support

Palliative Care services at Mona Vale Hospital have always been strongly supported by the local community. The recent major extension of the Cora Adcock Cottage was only achieved with the support of the following:

- The Hon. Rob Stokes, MP, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Minister for the Central Coast, Assistant Minister for Planning and Member for Pittwater
- The Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, MP, Shadow Special Minister of State, Shadow Minister for Seniors, Member for Mackellar
- The Mona Vale Hospital Auxiliary
- Pittwater Rotary
- The Friends of Northern Beaches Palliative Care
- Mona Vale Hospital Trust and the HammondCare Foundation

There is widespread support not only from these individuals and groups but from the wider community. When I have discussed Palliative Care with local residents they are surprised to learn that the current services at Mona Vale Hospital do not include inpatient beds.

Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan

The recently released Mona Vale Hospital Masterplan includes a zone for the future expansion of Palliative Care Services on the site. Whilst the nature of the expansion is unspecified there seems to be very significant community support for the inclusion of future inpatient Palliative Care beds, in a non-clinical cottage style environment, to cater for the needs of terminally ill Northern Beaches residents, their families and friends.

Conclusion

Northern Sydney has the largest number of older people of any Health planning region in NSW. Its 80+ population is expected to be in excess of 85,000 in 2016.

It is important to acknowledge however, that not all end of life patients are elderly. There are many local young families who suffer the loss of a husband, wife and parent who would benefit from a facility in the area, allowing some degree of normalcy to children's daily routines.

Given the recently released masterplan for Mona Vale Hospital and the review of Palliative Care Services it seems very timely to raise the need for inpatient Palliative Care beds at Mona Vale Hospital.

There seems little doubt that there is a clear need for local specialised Palliative Care beds, in a stand alone cottage style model on the Northern Beaches, given that last year (2012/2013) over 200 residents were admitted to facilities either at Greenwich or Wahroonga.

It is recognised that end of life patients are more comfortable in their own homes however, where this is not possible it is important for the patient to have a dignified death in a specialised facility which simulates a home like environment with their family and friends around them.

The community has in the past and I hope will again in the future assist with fundraising to help achieve an inpatient facility at Mona Vale Hospital to complement the wonderful services offered at the Cora Adcock Palliative Care Cottage.

MOTION

- 1) That the General Manager write to the Chairperson and CEO of Northern Sydney Local Health District requesting that as part of any review of Palliative Care Services the need for inpatient beds, in a stand alone cottage with a minimum of 15 beds, at Mona Vale Hospital be included.
- 2) That the Mayor and General Manager be asked to raise the need for inpatient Palliative Care beds on the Northern Beaches, as a regional need, at the next SHOROC Executive meeting and at any other appropriate SHOROC forums.
- 3) That the General Manager also write to:
 - The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier NSW, Minister for Infrastructure, Minister for Western Sydney, Member for Manly
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(Cr Millar / Cr Ferguson)

Procedural Motion (COUNCIL DECISION)

That Cr Millar be granted an extension of time to complete her address to the meeting on this item.

(Cr Young / Cr Ferguson)