



WARRINGAH  
COUNCIL

# MAYORAL MINUTE

**Tuesday 27 May 2014**

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**Mayoral Minute for an Ordinary Meeting of Council  
to be held on Tuesday 27 May 2014  
at the Civic Centre, Dee Why  
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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<b>ITEM L.1</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 6/2014 - PROPOSED SCULPTURE WALK WITHIN DEE WHY</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2014/137689</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## **BACKGROUND**

Our major focus is the Dee Why Town Centre and in an effort to take further positive steps to transform and activate Dee Why, I would like Council to consider the concept of incorporating art trails and sculpture walks throughout the Dee Why town area.

This month alone, we have witnessed two cultural events that were overwhelmingly popular at both Stony Range and on Long Reef Headland. They were both highly successful events in terms of participation and providing the community with new cultural experiences. Given the numbers attending these events and the positive feedback, it could easily be argued that there is an unmet demand for such events and our community would relish more opportunities in the future.

Recently, the Vibrant Connected Communities Strategic Reference Group (VCC SRG) was provided with a presentation by staff and the consultants undertaking the work in relation to the Place Making and Public Art Consultancy for the Dee Why Town Centre. The presentation given highlighted the aim of the Master Plan which is to achieve a Town Centre with a community and cultural focus that celebrates the spirit of Dee Why with public art and that highlights the area's multicultural community. I understand the first draft of the Place Making and Public Art Consultancy for the Dee Why Town Centre will be tabled very soon to the VCC SRG for further consideration.

I envisage that a Sculpture Walk in Dee Why could be one that provides permanent spaces but also allows for temporary installations which would encourage artists to consider different themes and art forms and provide a turnover of innovative artwork. It could also provide opportunities to promote community cultural festivals, which would enrich our cultural understanding of the many multicultural communities that exist within Warringah. Not all art is popular, so by providing new works at intervals, it would ensure there is something for everyone and thus greater popularity.

I would like Council to ensure that the current Place Making and Public Art Consultancy and any future consultants engaged look at establishing a permanent Sculpture Walk within the Dee Why precinct and identify appropriate positions for permanent spaces to be erected.

I understand that this can be undertaken within existing operating budgets.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- A. Write to Artscape and The Design Partnership who are currently engaged by Council to undertake the Place Making and Public Art Consultancy requesting that consideration be given to establishing a permanent Sculpture Walk that allows for temporary installations within the Dee Why precinct.
- B. Provide a report identifying the outcomes of the presentation of the first draft to the Vibrant Connected Communities Strategic Reference Group following their consideration of the report in June 2014.
- C. Following the meeting of the Vibrant Connected Communities Strategic Reference Group, provide a report to Council with a summary of the recommendations from the Place Making and Public Art Consultancy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Regan', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Michael Regan**  
**MAYOR**

<b>ITEM L.2</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 7/2014 - FACILITIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2014/143636</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

## **BACKGROUND**

Rising petrol prices will have a continued impact on everyone's hip pocket. Despite an award winning and proactively managed fleet, it is inevitable that the costs of Council's fleet will also continue to rise.

Given the geography of the northern beaches and the number of short trips undertaken per day by some residents, electric cars are a ready fit for our vision for a sustainable Warringah. When Warringah first looked at the concept of converting the existing fleet to all electric vehicles back in 2009, it was just too expensive. Buying new electric cars on the market didn't add up either nor were they practical for what Council required. However, today's petrol electric vehicles and the considerable drop in cost means we suddenly have a potential game changer.

I recently attended the Municipal Association of Victoria's conference on Urban Renewal where a number of speakers highlighted the need for public carparks, in particular to have appropriate infrastructure for electric cars, electric bikes and scooters. The conference also highlighted the need for planning around the design of future car parking facilities both public and private. Much of this has been echoed in my recent discussions with Stephen Crawford of Col Crawfords in Brookvale at a recent local Chamber of Commerce breakfast. Council has an important role to play in providing adequate facilities which will ensure the future success of these vehicles.

An opportunity exists and Council needs to take action now. Hybrid electric cars have been available in Australia for some years and the first all-electric car was launched back in 2010. There are now several other models available indicating that this form of motoring is becoming more acceptable. While I understand acceptance has been slow due to the pricing and the confidence of buyers to make the switch, we will see many more electric cars on the road.

This presents an opportunity (dare I say compelling case) for Council to consider including electric vehicles in its own fleet. I am aware that the City of Sydney has purchased 14 electric vehicles and has two plug-in facilities located within the city.

I would like Council to investigate what plug-in points we can incorporate in future developments and existing public carparks. I think this is also an opportunity to review our Warringah Local Environment Plan 2011 planning regulations and Development Control Plan controls in terms of what developers will need to provide when developing sites that incorporate parking facilities, particularly in higher density residential precincts. A short report could include an analysis of the cost implications so this important issue can be further considered. The Civic Centre projects would be an ideal start for Council.

In addition, I ask Council staff to undertake the necessary research into the benefits of including electric vehicles within its own fleet and providing this advice to Council for further consideration. Specifically, that Council consider trialling at least one Petrol Hybrid Electric Vehicle as a future replacement for its current light fleet. Given the range of at least 150 to 200kms on full electric, there is opportunity that filling up will never be required as most trips in the area are of a short nature.

I understand that addressing these issues and providing a report to Council can be met within existing operational budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

- A. Provide a report detailing possible options for the provision of plug-in facilities in both current and future public car and bicycle parking spaces.
  - B. Review the Warringah Local Environment Plan 2011 and/or Development Control Plan and identify if it is possible to ensure future private development includes provisions for these facilities, particularly in high residential precincts.
  - C. Purchase an appropriate Petrol Hybrid Electric Vehicle as part of the 2014-15 Light Fleet replacement program as a trial
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**Michael Regan**  
**MAYOR**





