



25<sup>th</sup> November, 2003

## WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, 90 AVOCA STREET, RANDWICK, ON TUESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2003 AT 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members: His Worship, the Mayor, Cr D. Sullivan, Crs Backes, Bastic (Chairperson), Greenwood, Schick, Seng and White (Deputy Chairperson) and Whitehead.

Quorum: Five (5) members.

NOTE: AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2000, THE COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE WORKS COMMITTEE BE CONSTITUTED AS A COMMITTEE WITH FULL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

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**2 Minutes**

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GENERAL MANAGER

## *Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 75/2003*



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	PINUS SPECIES (PINE TREE) GROWING WITHIN FRONT OF 107 MOVERELY ROAD, SOUTH COOGEE
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<b>DATE:</b>	21 November, 2003	<b>FILE NO:</b>	P/016396
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The owner of 107 Moverly Road, South Coogee, Mr George Varughese, has written to Council requesting a review of a recent decision by Council not to grant consent to remove a very large, healthy *Pinus radiata* from the front of the above property.

The tree concerned is approximately twenty metres tall with a canopy spread of around sixteen-eighteen metres. It is in excellent health and is extremely prominent in the streetscape.

### **ISSUES:**

Although the tree is not an Australian native species, it does provide an important source of shelter and habitat for assorted species of birdlife.

Mr Varughese has stated in his correspondence his reasons for wanting the tree removed are that it is too large, that it could be uprooted in storms and that its roots have caused widespread and extensive damage and sewer blockages.

The fact that the tree is large is of itself no justification for its removal – particularly as it is in very good health.

An inspection of the tree on 22 October, 2003, revealed structural damage within the property and copious amounts of debris within the front of the property.

The roots of the tree are widespread and have damaged the adjacent driveway and entranceway area and they are cracking an adjacent retaining wall between this and a neighbouring property.

Branches from the tree also overhang the neighbouring residence quite significantly and create an ongoing problem with gutter blockages.

The owner has highlighted the very real problem of not being able to grow plants in the front yard and the fact that the tree restricts the ability to do anything meaningful with the garden.

Mr Varughese has indicated that he is more than willing to replace this tree with an advanced native species should permission be granted to remove the subject tree.

**CONCLUSION:**

The subject tree is a large, healthy example of this particular species growing within a relatively confined area.

Its branches are overhanging the neighbouring residence to a large degree and its sheer size has a very restricting effect on the owner's ability to utilise the front garden area.

During the spring months it drops an inordinate amount of pollen and leaf litter and its roots are causing ongoing and sustained sewer blockages and structural damage.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT approval be granted for the large Pinus species within the front of 107 Moverly Road, South Coogee, to be removed and replaced with a more appropriate tree species.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

Nil

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MICK SAVAGE  
DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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BRYAN BOURKE  
TREE MANAGEMENT OFFICER

## ***Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 76/2003***



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	UNDERGROUND CABLING MARINE PARADE BETWEEN UNDINE STREET AND WILSON STREET, MAROUBRA
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<b>DATE:</b>	21 November, 2003	<b>FILE NO:</b>	98/S/1719 xr R/0500/01
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Council at its meeting held 23 September 2003, considered a report regarding the undergrounding of electricity cables on Marine Parade between Undine Street and Wilson Street, Maroubra. It was resolved that:

*this item be deferred to a future meeting for a report on previous and current arrangements for funding of undergrounding or bundling power cables in coastal locations.*

### **ISSUES:**

At the Finance Works and Services Committee held 5 June 1996 it was resolved subject to solicitors advice, that Council accept an Optus offer associated with the deployment of its aerial broadband network, of \$8.00/pole/year for five years. The offer was accepted and Council received funds under the Optus offer in the years 1998-2002.

At its meeting held 26 November, 1996, Council resolved that:

*Council prioritise the spending of the Optus funds from the Broadband Aerial Network Agreement, by placing the electrical power lines underground along the Coastal foreshores and along Anzac Parade leading into the historic La Perouse loop. The first area to have power lines put underground be the new section of Marine Parade that is part of the Coastal Walkway between Inman Street and Undine Street where the residents have indicated that they will pay for half the cost.*

The undergrounding of cables in the above specified locations has been completed utilising the received Optus funds. No Optus funds are available to undertake the undergrounding of electricity cables on Marine Parade between Undine Street and Wilson Street, Maroubra.

In addition, there is no allocation in the 2003-2004 budget for these works, and consequently, Council is unable to provide and contribution to these works.

**CONCLUSION:**

Optus funds received 1998-2002 under the Broadband Aerial Network Agreement, have been fully expended on projects previously prioritised by Council.

There is no allocation in the 2003-2004 budget to undertake the undergrounding of electricity cables on Marine Parade between Undine Street and Wilson Street, Maroubra, as previously requested by residents.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Director of Asset & Infrastructure Services Report dated 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 concerning the undergrounding of electricity cables in Marine Parade between Undine Street and Wilson Street, Maroubra, be noted.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

Nil

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MICK SAVAGE  
DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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MALCOLM HILL  
ASSET ENGINEER