



3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2004

## 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, 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2004 AT 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members: His Worship the Mayor, Cr M. Matson, Crs Belleli, Hughes (Deputy Chairperson), Notley-Smith (Chairperson), Seng, Sullivan, Tracey & White.

Quorum: Five (5) members.

NOTE: AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2004, 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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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

**REPORT OF THE GREENING RANDWICK COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2004 AT 5:33 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

His Worship the Mayor, Cr M .Matson (East Ward)

North Ward	-	Crs P. Tracey & M. Woodsmith
East Ward	-	Cr B. Notley-Smith
West Ward	-	Crs S. Nash, J. Procopiadis & B.Hughes

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

Acting General Manager	Ms. S. Truvert.
Director Asset & Infrastructure Services	Mr. M. Savage.
Acting Director Planning & Community Development	Mr. R. Wereszcynski
Director Governance Management & Information Services	Mr. M. Hummerston.
Assistant Public Officer	Mr. D. Kelly.
Tree Management Officer	Mr. B.Bourke.
Communications Manager	Ms. D. Brien.
Manager Policy, Planning & Performance	Ms. K. Walshaw.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Crs Belleli, Kenny, Notley-Smith, Sullivan, White and Woodsmith.

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Nil.

**2. ADDRESSES TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE PUBLIC.**

Nil.

**3. MAYORAL MINUTES.**

Nil.

**4. GREENING RANDWICK.**

**4.1 DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES' REPORT 38/2004 - COUNCIL'S POLICY ON THE REMOVAL OF AGRESSIVE ROOTED STREET TREES. (98/S/4689)**

**THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

that this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow the revising of Council's policy to incorporate a definite measure of canopy alteration to a street which can be used as a criteria to either continue or halt the removal of street trees.

**THE COMMITTEE FURTHER RECOMMENDS:**

That Council actively seek community consultation in streets of significant planting.

**MOTION: (Procopiadis/Woodsmith)** that the recommendation contained in the Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 38/2004 prepared by the Tree Management Officer dated 1st July 2004, be adopted.

**AMENDMENT (His Worship the Mayor, Cr M. Matson/Notley-Smith) SEE RECOMMENDATION.**

**FURTHER MOTION: (Tracey/Woodsmith) SEE FURTHER RECOMMENDATION.**

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS.**

Nil.

**6. NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTIONS.**

Nil.

The meeting closed at 5.59 p.m.

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CHAIRPERSON

## ***Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 50/2004***



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	COUNCIL OWNED FICUS 'HILLII' OUTSIDE 9 LORNE AVENUE, KENSINGTON .
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	R/0478/03
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The owners of 9 Lorne Avenue, Kensington, Mr and Mrs K Papapetros, have written to Council detailing the problems they are experiencing with a Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' growing on the nature strip outside their property.

### **ISSUES:**

Sections of the pebblecrete footpath adjacent to where the tree is growing have had to be replaced and in fact they are being damaged yet again by roots of the subject tree.

There have been numerous sewer blockages at the property over a number of years and the owners are worried that ongoing leaf drop constitutes a serious trip hazard.

The problems associated with this tree are typical for the species and are unable to be successfully managed in the long term.

The tree concerned is in reasonable health and is one of a number growing along Lorne Avenue, Kensington.

It is therefore significant in the streetscape and provides significant amenity and food source. The tree is approximately ten metres in height and around eight metres across the canopy.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The removal and replacement of this tree would certainly fall within the parameters set out in Council's recently adopted resolution relating to aggressive-rooted street trees.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' (Hill's Weeping fig) growing on the nature strip outside 9 Lorne Avenue, Kensington, be removed and replaced with a more suitable tree species, as nominated in Council's Street Tree Masterplan.

**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 51/2004***

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	COUNCIL OWNED FICUS 'HILLII' OUTSIDE 1 BYNG STREET, MAROUBRA
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	R/0138/03
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

There is a very large, healthy Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' (Hill's Weeping fig) growing on the nature strip outside the above property which has caused ongoing damage to the two adjacent properties.

### **ISSUES:**

The roots of this tree have caused ongoing damage to both the properties at 1 Byng Street and 962 Anzac Parade, Maroubra, as well as the adjacent roadway, kerb and gutter. The type of damage caused by the roots of this tree has been occurring over a prolonged period.

The owners of both affected properties have expressed a desire to have the tree removed and replaced with more appropriate trees.

It is a very large tree but is the only one of this species growing within the street. The street is planted out with Hibiscus tileaceus on one side and Eucalyptus haemastoma on the other.

As such, this fig tree is quite incongruous in the situation in which it is growing and its removal would not in any way compromise the integrity of the streetscape.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The only effective long-term method of dealing with the range of problems associated with this tree would be to remove it and this would comply with the intent of Council's recently adopted strategy for dealing with aggressive-rooted street trees.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' (Hill's Weeping fig) growing on the nature strip outside 1 Byng Street, Maroubra, be removed and replaced with more appropriate tree species – as nominated in Council's Street Tree Masterplan..

**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 52/2004***



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	CINNAMONUM CAMPHORAS AT REAR OF SILVER STREET CARPARK, RANDWICK
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	PL/2004/00081
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The owner of 4/21 Waratah Avenue, Randwick, has written to Council detailing a range of damage caused by the roots of two Cinnamomum camphora (Camphor laurels) growing at the southern end of the Council-owned Silver Street carpark, Silver Street, Randwick.

### **ISSUES:**

The two subject trees are growing immediately adjacent to the common fence between the carpark and several adjoining properties and their roots are both substantial and intrusive.

Council's Tree Management Officer previously inspected the site and arranged for Council's tree gang to dig a trench along the fenceline with the view to establishing the size and extent of any tree root activity involving Council trees.

The trees are too large and close to the adjoining property to be able to root prune or to install any sort of effective tree root barrier and the problems associated with their roots will inevitably persist into the future.

The trees are surrounded on either side by two more large Camphor laurels and a large Eucalyptus species (Gum tree). Council's Tree Management Officer obtained a quotation from Council's tree trimming contractors to remove and stump grind the two offending trees and this has been quoted at \$3,300.00.

### **CONCLUSION:**

If the two trees were removed it would not leave a large hole in the surrounding canopy – because of the remaining tree canopy cover – and any existing or potential tree root problems associated with adjoining properties could be negated.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the two subject Cinnamomum camphora trees be removed and replaced with an appropriate number of smaller more suitable native 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 53/2004***

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	KENSINGTON ROAD AND BORONIA STREET, KENSINGTON - REQUEST FOR ANGLE PARKING
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	R/0439/02
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Council at its meeting held on 22 June, 2004, resolved -

*“That the following matters be referred to the Traffic Committee for its consideration:*

- a) The feasibility of angle parking in;*
  - (i) Kensington Road, between Duke Street and Salisbury Road and*
  - (ii) Boronia Street, Kensington*
- b) The need for improved signage at the intersection of Boronia Street & Duke Street, advising, motorists that a left hand turn is not permitted from Boronia Street into Duke Street*

*And that the report come back to the Works Committee for further consideration.”*

### **ISSUES:**

The above matters were considered by the Randwick Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 13 July, 2004, and the Committee did not support the introduction of angle parking in Kensington Road and Boronia Street for the following reasons:-

- 1) The width of these roadways are insufficient to permit angle parking as stipulated under the RTA’s guidelines;
- 2) Angle parking in Kensington Road would be hazardous due to the presence of a crest on the roadway, between Salisbury Road and Duke Street; and
- 3) The presence of a crest on Boronia Street in the vicinity of Salisbury Road and the large volume of traffic on this street would be hazardous if angle parking be permitted.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Kensington Road is 12.8 metres wide between kerbs and parallel parking is currently practiced on both sides of the road.

The street currently carries a traffic volume (AADT) of 875 vehicles and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile recorded speed is 51km/h. It is considered that it is a quiet residential street.

Council should concur with the Traffic Committee's recommendation of not to proceed with the introduction of angle parking on these streets.

Boronia Street is 12.8 metres wide between kerb and parallel parking practiced on both sides of the road. The street currently carries a traffic volume AADT of 3448 vehicles and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile record speed is 53km/h. It is considered that the street carries large volumes of traffic.

In regard to the signage at the intersection of Boronia Street and Duke Street, it is reported that an on site investigation by Council's Traffic Engineer revealed that existing signage at this location is adequate to advise motorists that a left turn is not permitted from Boronia Street into Duke Street. But two of the signs were found to be obscured by overgrown trees branches. The Traffic Engineer arranged for the trimming of these trees, and these signs are now clearly visible for approaching motorists.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That

- 1) Council concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Committee that the proposal for angle parking in Kensington Road and Boronia Street be not supported; and
- 2) The action completed by Council's officers to trim tree branches to ensure clear visibility for approaching vehicles of existing traffic signs at the intersection of Boronia Street and Duke Street be noted.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

Nil

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MICK SAVAGE  
DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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KEN KANAGARAJAN  
SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER



## ***Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 54/2004***

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	COUNCIL OWNED FICUS 'HILLII' OUTSIDE 3 QUAIL STREET, COOGEE
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	R/0629/03
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### **INTRODUCTION:**

The owner of 3 Quail Street, Coogee, Mr T M Heavener, has once again written to Council requesting the removal and replacement of the Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' (Hill's Weeping fig) growing on the nature strip outside his property.

Mr Heavener has written to Council on a number of occasions detailing major sewer problems caused by the roots of the Hill's Weeping fig growing outside his property and he has now forwarded correspondence to Council indicating that it will cost between \$2000-3000 simply to repair existing damage to his sewer network and to make it temporarily serviceable.

### **ISSUES:**

The subject tree is a relatively healthy specimen approximately ten metres in height and around five-six metres across the canopy. It is one of a number of Ficus 'Hillii' growing in the street and as such is highly significant.

It has been extensively pruned on a number of occasions to clear overhead powerlines and is growing immediately adjacent to a power pole and street light.

The roots of the tree are extensive and have damaged the footpath, are protruding above the nature strip and have blocked the underground Sydney Water mains on a number of occasions over a protracted period.

The owner has also highlighted the fact that the roots of the tree constitute a public liability issue and that he will hold Council responsible for any damage or injury caused by those roots.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The nature and extent of tree root damage being caused by this tree are such that any type of root pruning or root barrier installation are not in any way feasible options for dealing with the range of problems associated with the tree.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Council-owned Ficus ‘Hillii’ growing on the nature strip outside 3 Quail Street, Coogee, be removed and that it be replaced with an appropriate number of most suitable trees, as per Council’s Street Tree Master Plan.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

Correspondence dated 6 July, 2004  
Memo to Manager Assets dated 26 May, 2004

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MICK SAVAGE  
  
DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

The General Manager  
Randwick Municipal Council  
30 Francis Street  
RANDWICK NSW 2031

T.M.HEAVENER  
3 Quail street  
Coogee, 2034

6 July 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wrote to you about 1 month ago about the fig tree outside my house and its removal. I attached a copy of the sewerage diagram. The council fig tree you would have seen has been grown directly over my sewer.

As indicated there is a blockage between my boundary trap and the Water Board sewer that couldn't be cleared by Council plumbers with an electric eel or a jet blaster.

I have had Ron from AAA AAM Aussie Plumbing to the property. He advised that it could cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 to put in a new line from the boundary trap to a new junction point between the trees. It would be a difficult job, as Council would not want the tree roots to be damaged. He would not do this work himself.

If the tree above my sewer was removed it would cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 to dig down and repair replace the damaged pipe.

I do not expect my sewer to last much longer before it will overflow again and run down the footpath.

Please advise as a matter of urgency what steps Council is prepared to take to correct the damage to my sewerage connection.

Yours Faithfully,

*T.M. Heavener*  
T.M.HEAVENER

*PL 2004/00083*

## Memorandum



TO: TIM McCARTHY  
FROM: BRYAN BOURKE  
DATE: 26 May 2004 FILE: R/0629/03

SUBJECT: FICUS 'HILLII' OUTSIDE 3 QUAIL STREET, COOGEE

Tim,

Please find attached a memorandum sent to me by Gary Stone detailing the problems associated with a Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' (Hill's Weeping fig) growing on the nature strip outside 3 Quail Street, Coogee.

There have been ongoing sewer blockages within the property at 3 Quail Street, Coogee, over a number of years caused by the roots of this tree.

As well as growing directly over a Sydney Water mains, the tree is planted adjacent to a power pole and street light and the roots are causing ongoing damage to the surrounding footpath and kerb and gutter.

The only effective long-term method of dealing with the range of problems associated with this tree would be to remove it and this would comply with Council's recently adopted strategy for dealing with aggressive-rooted street trees.

Please advise on whether you wish me to proceed with the removal and replacement of this problematic street tree.

  
Bryan Bourke  
TREE MANAGEMENT OFFICER

*Bryan Bourke*  
*Please Discuss*  
*Tim*



## ***Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 55/2004***



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING - CLOVELLY
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<b>DATE:</b>	26 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	98/S/ 2714
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The third of fourteen planned precinct reports on residents parking in Randwick City has now been completed. The attached report entitled “On-Street Parking – Clovelly” deals specifically with residents parking within the Clovelly precinct.

### **ISSUES:**

Council is in the process of investigating all areas within the City which exhibit parking problems for residents with the view to implementing area based residents parking schemes. This study includes all areas with existing residents parking schemes as well as all areas where significant residents’ parking problems have been identified.

It is the purpose of this study to assess or re-assess the demand for residents parking and to introduce, where appropriate, area-wide permit schemes in lieu of street-based schemes. It is also the purpose of this review to invoke best principles for the on-going management of residents parking schemes, including such matters as the span of hours and period of restrictions, parking opportunity and efficiency, and parking enforcement.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The attached report extensively details the results and findings of the Clovelly precinct study conducted by Council between October 2003 and April 2004. The report provides an in-depth analysis of the parking situation and problems within the precinct.

It is considered that the proposed measures and actions as detailed in Section B of this report are well founded and it is recommended that the recommendations of this report be adopted by Council in principle. It is subsequently proposed that the report be submitted to the Randwick Traffic Committee for its concurrence and then be placed on public display prior to final approval by Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

1. The recommendations of the Clovelly On-Street Parking Report be adopted in principle,
2. The proposal be referred to the Randwick Traffic Committee for concurrence,
3. The proposal be placed on public display.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

All under separate cover  
Report "On Street Parking - Clovelly"  
CONFIDENTIAL "Survey Data"

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MICK SAVAGE  
DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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ALAN OPERA  
TRAFFIC ENGINEER



## ***Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 56/2004***

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	89-91 ST MARKS ROAD, RANDWICK - TWO COUNCIL OWNED FICUS 'HILLII'
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<b>DATE:</b>	28 July, 2004	<b>FILE NO:</b>	R/0705/03
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The owner of 91 St Marks Road, Randwick, Mr Christopher Murtough, has written to Council on a number of occasions requesting the removal and replacement of two Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' (Hill's Weeping fig) growing on the nature strip outside that property.

### **ISSUES:**

The subject trees are both healthy specimens approximately ten metres in height and around eight metres across the canopies. They are two of a number of Ficus 'Hillii' growing along the eastern side of the street and as such are highly significant.

They have both been extensively pruned on a number of occasions to clear overhead powerlines and are growing over the front property alignment of adjacent properties.

The roots of the two trees are extensive and have damaged the footpath, are protruding above the nature strip and have extended over the kerb area to the extent that the kerb has had to be removed.

Tree roots from the two trees have completely destroyed the driveway into 91 St Marks Road and there is every possibility that they will eventually cause structural damage to the front fences of both properties.

Tree roots from the northern-most tree have penetrated into the sewerage pipes at 89 St Marks Road on several occasions and will continue to do so unless and if the entire system is replaced with PVC plastic.

The owners of both properties have indicated that they wish to construct new driveways into their properties, as well as seeking Council approval for off-street parking, but this will only be possible if the subject trees are removed.

The owners of both properties have highlighted the fact that the roots of the trees constitute a public liability issue and that they will hold Council responsible for any damage or injury caused by those roots.

**CONCLUSION:**

The nature and extent of tree root damage being caused by these two trees is such that any type of effective root pruning or practical root barrier installation are not in any way feasible long-term options for dealing with the range of problems associated with the trees.

The nature strip area is only about one metre in width and tree roots have raised the area to the point that it is difficult for people to alight from their motor vehicles.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the two Council-owned Ficus 'Hillii' growing on the nature strip outside 89-91 St Marks Road, Randwick, be removed and that they be replaced with an appropriate number of more suitable trees, as per Council's Street Tree Master Plan.

**ATTACHMENT/S:**

Correspondence from owners of 89 and 91 St Marks Road  
Memo dated 2 July, 2004 under separate cover.

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MICK SAVAGE  
DIRECTOR ASSET &  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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BRYAN BOURKE  
TREE MANAGEMENT OFFICER