



5th October 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, 12TH OCTOBER 2004 AT 6:00 PM

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 28TH SEPTEMBER, 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

Acting Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 70/2004



SUBJECT:	DECLARATION OF PRIVET AS A NOXIOUS WEED IN THE CITY OF RANDWICK
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DATE:	8 September, 2004	FILE NO:	98/S/3880
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

In the Sydney region, Privet is one of the worst environmental weeds in urban bushland areas.

The weed has been declared noxious in the Sydney North region and in most Local Control Authorities in the Sydney West and Blue Mountains region. Privet is currently only declared in 6 LCAs in the Sydney Central and South West Sydney regions. Randwick City Council is located in the Sydney Central region

Two forms of Privet have been identified as environmental weeds in the Sydney Region

1. Broad-leaf Privet (*Ligustrum lucidum*) - a large evergreen shrub or small tree growing to 10m, with a broad-domed canopy spreading to 8-10m.
2. Small-leaf Privet (*Ligustrum sinense*) is an evergreen shrub that grows to around 3-4m tall.

Plant Characteristics:

- Native to China and Japan
- Vigorous and fast growing
- Prefer moist, nutrient rich sites such as creek lines and gullies
- Privet pollen and perfume is recorded as having significant human health impacts, being highly allergenic and a major contributor to asthma, allergic rhinitis and hayfever.
- The leaves and fruit have been suspected as being poisonous to humans.
- Privet poses a significant ecological threat through its ability to invade remnant bushland, especially in disturbed areas and the more fertile soils of gullies and creeklines.
- Each shrub can produce more than 10000 seeds a year, with seed viability of up to 98%.

- The seeds are widely spread by water, fruit-eating birds such as currawongs, bats, and dumped garden waste.
- Privet trees and other fruit bearing exotic trees support artificially high populations of currawongs, which prey on other native bird populations.

ISSUES:

- A great deal of work is already being undertaken by Councils in the Sydney region to control Privet on council managed lands.
- Within Randwick LGA, Privet is scattered across all residential areas, however is in greater abundance in the northern, older suburbs where there is greater protection from the salt laden winds and higher nutrient levels in the soils. Privet is generally found in the more established gardens, where it is often used as a formal hedge, or in poorly maintained gardens where it has been allowed to establish after seed dispersal.
- Fred Hollows Reserve has the highest infestation of Privet within a park in Council's care and control. Bush regenerators have been contracted on this site for the past 11 years to eradicate Privet.
- Randwick Council receives numerous complaints every year from residents reporting privet specimens which they feel are exacerbating their asthma, allergic rhinitis or hayfever conditions.
- Privet is not declared a noxious weed in the Randwick LGA, and as a result Council is unable to act on the complaints received, except by recommending that the resident discuss the matter with the landholder concerned. If this is unsuccessful, the only recourse for the resident is to seek legal advice as a civil matter.
- Council is also unable to act on the propagation, sale and distribution of Privet. The plant is currently very popular with florists for its berries and is being sold frequently in local florists.
- Privet is not covered by Councils Tree Preservation Order.

There is a Sydney wide plan currently in final draft call the *Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan*. This plan has been developed to coordinate a regional, strategic approach to Privet in the Sydney region, in an effort to manage and reduce its environmental and human health effects.

Objectives of the plan include;

1. The declaration of Privet as a W4b noxious weed throughout the Sydney region. (W4b = The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed and any existing weed must be prevented from flowering and fruiting).
2. A reduction in the presence of Privet on private property.
3. Privet on public land strategically controlled and prevented from spreading.
4. Increased awareness in the region of Privet and its identification, impacts and control methods.
5. A significant reduction in the propagation and sale of Privet plants and seed heads for floral displays.

The following table identifies the process for declaring a plant a noxious weed:

Process for Noxious Weed Declaration	Progress
Does the weed warrant coordinated action	Yes - Privet is considered one of the worst environmental weeds throughout the Sydney Region
Consult stakeholders, Regional Weeds Advisory Committees and adjoining Local Control Authorities	Completed – Consultation occurring through the 4 regional weed committees that cover the entire Sydney metropolitan area.
Are current resources sufficient to meet goals	Yes – Possibility of also acquiring additional grant funding through its declaration
Is the current legal status of the weed under the Noxious Weeds Act adequate	No (not declared in Randwick LGA)
Council endorsement for declaration forwarded to Regional Weeds Committee	Memorandum prepared for Council endorsement – September 2004
Councils endorsements for declaration sent with Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan to Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee (NWAC) for adoption	To be undertaken by 1 November 2004
Minister accepts declaration or may request plan to be reviewed	Subject to comments and/or adoption of Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan by NWAC
Declaration changes documented in Government Gazette	
Sydney Region Privet Plan implemented	

CONCLUSION:

Council's Noxious Weeds Officer considers Privet distribution and abundance to be controllable within the Randwick LGA. Having the authority to prevent the sale of Privet and enforce its control on private property, through its declaration as a W4b noxious weed, will greatly assist in more strategic control and management, and prevent Privet propagation, sale and distribution.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the aims and objectives of the Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan 2004 and that Council endorse the declaration of Privet as a W4b noxious weed under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Final Draft-Sydney Regional Privet Management Plan 2004 - under separate cover.

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MICK SAVAGE
DIRECTOR ASSET &
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OMAR SEYCHELL
NOXIOUS WEEDS OFFICER

Acting Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 71/2004



SUBJECT:	EXERCISE EQUIPMENT - JACK VANNY MEMORIAL PARK, MAROUBRA
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DATE:	7 September, 2004	FILE NO:	98/S/2754
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

Council at its meeting held on 23 September, 2003, resolved that -

1. *Council investigate the installation of outdoor exercise equipment (similar to that located at Bondi Beach) at Jack Vanny Memorial Reserve, Marine Parade, Maroubra, between Bond and Sackville Streets and at any other suitable locations appropriate for the installation of such exercise equipment*
2. *A report be submitted to the Council as to the cost of such projects.*

ISSUES:

Site visits have been undertaken to inspect the fitness stations at Bondi Beach, Rushcutters Bay Park and Queens Park.

The outdoor fitness systems located at these locations were all supplied by a company called Australian Fitness Consultants Pty Ltd. This company has supplied over 500 systems to Councils, schools and private companies over the past 10 years.

The model installed at Bondi Beach has a very high usage and that particular model would be the most cost effective system as it can be installed into an area approximately 16 metres x 16 metres or it can be split into half or quarters depending on site needs.

The costs of an exercise station would be approximately \$26,000 and the required softfall could cost up to \$25,000 depending on the selected product. The total costing would be approximately \$51,000.

Various sites within Randwick city have been considered in relation to suitability for the installation of a fitness system. Priorities for installation would be sites located along the coastal walkway where the system could complement other fitness activities such as jogging, walking and exercising and be incorporated into the general recreational use of that facility.

CONCLUSION:

Should the funds be made available there are several sites located within Randwick that would be considered suitable for the installation of a fitness system.

The sites that are most suitable are those that already attract a high level of usage from people undertaking active recreation and sites where such an installation would be consistent with the Plans of Management.

Sites that are considered suitable are Arthur Byrne Reserve - Maroubra Beach, Burrows Park – Clovelly Beach, Dunningham Reserve – Coogee Beach, Jack Vanny Reserve – Maroubra Beach and generally as identified along the coastal walkway.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- 1) Council consider funding in the 2005-06 budget for the installation of a ‘fitness system’ such as an Exersite system; and
- 2) Further assessment of the identified sites be undertaken to determine the most suitable location for the installation of an outdoor exercise system.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Information from Fitness Consultants Pty Ltd - under separate cover

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Acting Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 72/2004



SUBJECT:	RANDWICK HOCKEY CLUB - PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR HOCKEY IN THE RANDWICK AREA
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DATE:	29 September, 2004	FILE NO:	98/S/0492
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of the 24th of August 2004 resolved that

“a report be prepared for Council on the proposal put forward by the Randwick Hockey Club”.

Randwick Hockey Club has put to Council a proposal (attachment No 1) to construct an artificial grass hockey field, with associated lighting and amenities building within Heffron Park.

ISSUES:

Heffron Park is a major regional sporting facility servicing numerous sporting activities such as cricket, rugby league, netball, soccer, cycling, tennis, swimming, touch football and oz tag. Although there is an area designated as the “Hockey Fields” hockey has not been played at Heffron Park for some ten (10) years.

The proposal put forward by the Randwick and District Hockey Club is seeking to replace one of the four old hockey fields with a synthetic grass surface, upgrade lighting and build a two storey club house facility.

No estimate of cost for the proposal is provided. However indicative costs using Cordell Building Cost Guide suggests that the likely cost for the synthetic grass hockey field would be in excess of \$500,000 and the indicative cost for the construction of a two storey club house would be in the order of \$600,000. This would put the indicative project cost in excess of \$1,100,000. Please note that these are preliminary costs only as no estimated project costs have been provided as part of the Hockey Club proposal.

The Hockey Club has proposed to fund the facility firstly by a series of State Government and Local Government grants, (the specific grants that will be applied for have not been nominated) and secondly by a bank loan secured by club members. As a result the club would require long term tenure over the facility and have requested that they be given a twenty year lease over the new facility with a twenty year option.

This is one of several proposals put forward by various sporting bodies to upgrade facilities within Heffron Park. Prior to determining the merits of this particular proposal, it is considered that a comprehensive Plan of Management and Master Plan for Heffron Park is required.

As Council would be aware and as reported to the August Meeting of Council when dealing with a proposal from the Bunnerong Gymnastic Centre for an enhanced gymnasium facility for Heffron Park, a Plan of Management and Master Plan for Heffron Park was prepared some years ago. The Master Plan document proposed some radical redistribution of facilities within the park, but the plan was rejected by the community, the local sporting groups and subsequently not accepted by Council.

As reported previously an internal committee is being set up to review the current Plan of Management for Heffron Park. The internal committee will involve staff from Planning, Property, Parks and Recreation and Councils Landscape Design section. The initial role of the committee will be to review the current POM and determine its relevance. The previous POM committee will be reconstituted once the internal review of the document is completed.

In terms of the Master Plan for Heffron Park, there is no allocation for this work to be carried out this year and therefore the Master Plan will be completed by utilising available "in house" resources. The consultation process in the Master Plan preparation will by necessity be more widespread and will involve not only councillors but all existing and proposed users of Heffron Park and the wider community.

The Mayor and members of staff have met with representatives of the Randwick and District Hockey Club to discuss their proposal. The representatives present at that meeting were advised that Council would need to review the Plan of Management and Master Plan for Heffron Park before serious consideration could be given to any new major development projects within the park.

CONCLUSION:

Heffron Park is a major regional sporting facility servicing a large and varied array of sports. To maximise the potential of this facility it is imperative that the Plan of Management be reviewed and updated where appropriate and that a Master Plan be developed that is consistent with the Plan of Management and acceptable to Council, sporting bodies and the general public.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

- 1) That the report be noted; and.
- 2) the Randwick District Hockey Association be included with all other relevant sporting bodies in any consultation for the Plan of Management and Master Plan for Heffron Park

ATTACHMENT/S:

Randwick District Hockey Club - Improving Facilities for Hockey in the Randwick Area 2004 - under separate cover.

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Acting Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 73/2004



SUBJECT:	CHURCH STREET, RANDWICK - FEASIBILITY OF ANGLE PARKING
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DATE:	29 September, 2004	FILE NO:	R/0179/02
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

Council at its meeting held on 25 May, 2004 resolved as follows:

“That the Traffic Committee be requested to investigate the feasibility of angle parking being implemented in Church Street, Randwick”.

ISSUES:

Investigation by Council’s Traffic Engineers indicated that Church Street is 13.9 metres wide between kerbs at its widest point between Cowper Street and Frances Street and there exists in this section a crest which reduces sight distance for approaching vehicles. Church Street is only 12.8 metres wide in all other sections. Parallel parking is currently practiced on both sides of the road.

CONCLUSION:

This matter was considered by the Randwick Traffic Committee at its meeting held on 14 September 2004 and the Committee did not support the introduction of angle parking in Church Street for the following reasons:

- The width of the roadway is insufficient to permit angle parking as stipulated in the RTA’s guidelines for traffic facilities;
- Angle parking would be hazardous due to the presence of a crest on the roadway;

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Committee that the proposal for angle parking in Church Street, Randwick, be not supported.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Nil

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Acting Director Asset & Infrastructure Services' Report 74/2004



SUBJECT:	BUNDOCK STREET DEVELOPMENT AND KINGSFORD SUBURB BOUNDARY CHANGES
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DATE:	24 September, 2004	FILE NO:	F2004/07141 (old file) 98/S/1368
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR ASSET & INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

With regards to the proposed street names for the Bundock Street Development, at Council's meeting on 10th August 2004, it was resolved that:

“the following list of fourteen (14) Aboriginal names put forward by Councillors Tracey and Woodsmith, after consultation with local Aboriginal elders, be adopted:

*WATTUN-GORI (collective name for Banksia)
GUMARA (brush tail possum)
MUNDA (black snake)
BARRUGIN (echidna)
DARANGA (cabbage tree)
MARIDA (fish hawk)
GURUWIN (grey nurse shark)
NGARANG (water dragon)
KURITJAH (particular specie of banksia)
MARRAIYO (acacia – coastal wattle)
BANGARAH (swamp wallaby)
MARAIGANG (quoll)
GUWAL (commorant bird)
MUGGADARM (lizard)”*

With regards to the proposed boundary changes at the Bundock Street Development and Kingsford suburb boundary changes, at Council's meeting held on 13th August 2004, it was resolved that:

- a) “Council support the inclusion of the land detailed on Attachment No. 3 to the Mayor's Minute No. 60/2004 as part of the suburb of Randwick;*

- b) *Council support the inclusion of the area bounded by Anzac Parade, Holmes Street, Henning Avenue and Moverly Road as part of the suburb of Maroubra; and*
- c) *Council officers proceed with the procedure as set out by the Geographical Names Board for determination of Suburb names and boundaries.*”

On 24th August 2004, it was further resolved that “*Council support the inclusion of the properties along the northern side of Holmes Street as part of the suburb of Maroubra*”.

ISSUES:

The above proposals were advertised in the Southern Courier on 31st August 2004 and the affected residents of Kingsford were advised by letter from Council. Public submissions were invited, and received up to 24th September 2004. The following is a discussion of those submissions.

Bundock Street Development- Proposed Street Names

Council received two submissions concerning the topic of the street names. These submissions considered the use of indigenous plant and animal names “going over the top” and being difficult to spell.

In addition, three submissions were received concerning the extension of five existing streets into the Bundock Street development, namely Benvenue Street, Loch Maree Street, Garden Street, Cooper Street and Hendy Avenue. These submissions were concerned with potential confusion due to the north-to-south nature of the current property numbering system.

On 10th September 2004, correspondence was received from the Geographical Names Board indicating that the proposed street names had been reviewed and that the Board had no objections.

With regards to potential confusion that may be caused by the extension of existing streets, the only street that will be affected by the north-to-south property numbering system is Benvenue Street. Hendy Avenue, which extends into the development from the northern end (via Bundock Street) will not be affected by this numbering system. Other streets that will extend from the southern end (via Holmes Street), namely Cooper Street, Garden Street and Loch Maree Street, will not be affected by the numbering system either since there will be no properties fronting these streets from within the development.

Some residents have enquired about the consequences of 12 Holmes Street, which currently fronts the road reserve of the northern end of Benvenue Street. This situation is the same for 122A Holmes Street which fronts on to the road reserve of the northern end of Cooper Street.

Bundock Street Development- Proposed Boundary Changes

Council received one submission objecting to the entire Bundock Street development being named Randwick. It was suggested that the eastern side of the development be

named South Coogee, based on the existing suburb boundary along Ellen Street, north of the development site.

Other submissions received indicated no objections toward the Bundock Street development being adopted as part of Randwick.

**Land bounded by Holmes St, Avoca St, Anzac Pde, Moverly Rd and Henning Ave-
Proposed Boundary Changes**

The proposed new suburb boundaries includes the area of land bounded by the northern and southern sides of Holmes Street (being 2 to 166 Holmes Street and 1 to 107 Holmes Street), the eastern side of Avoca Street (being 375 to 385 Avoca Street), the eastern side of Anzac Parade (being 730 to 756 Anzac Parade), the northern side of Moverly Road (being 2 to 82 Moverly Rd) and the western side of Henning Avenue (being 2 to 8 Henning Avenue)

The analysis of these submissions was divided into the following five categories of responses:

1. Supports Maroubra (11 submissions received)
2. Opposes proposal and supports Randwick (2 submissions received)
3. Opposes proposal and supports South Coogee (6 submissions received)
4. Opposes proposal and supports "no change" (4 submissions received)
5. Preference in order of Randwick, South Coogee and Maroubra but supports Council's proposal (6 submissions received)

Submissions that support the proposal agreed with Council's reason to introduce a more logical suburb and planning layout for the current suburb of Kingsford.

Submissions that oppose the proposal indicated their desire to either remain as the suburb of Kingsford for reasons of sentimental value, property value and perceived hassles involved with changing personal address details.

Opposition on this proposal was also received due to a desire to belong to the suburbs of either Randwick or South Coogee rather than the suburb of Maroubra. These objections were based on a perception of better property value in either Randwick or South Coogee and claims to higher insurance premiums in Maroubra as opposed to South Coogee.

Residents of one property on the northern side of Holmes Street were not in favour of the proposed suburb boundary between Randwick and Maroubra being along the rear of their property and requested that this boundary be redrafted to run along the Holmes Street roads centerline. Verbal advice was obtained from the Geographical Names Board, who indicated that suburb boundaries can run along either road centrelines or along the rear of properties boundaries.

CONCLUSION:

The following conclusions and recommendations summarises the responses to the boundary changes and street names proposals.

Bundock Street Development- Proposed Street Names

Since there will be property frontage along Benvenue Street, from within the development, it is recommended that the section of road in question, be named “North Benvenue Street” to distinguish from the current Benvenue Street. Advice obtained from the Geographical Names Board on this matter indicated that North Benvenue Street would be considered sufficient to distinguish between these two sections of roadway.

With regards to 12 Holmes Street and 122A Holmes Street, the respective residents shall be advised that Council does not propose any changes to their current street address (apart from the suburb boundary augmentation), and that suitable road signage will be placed at the appropriate locations to ensure these properties are navigable.

Bundock Street Development- Proposed Boundary Changes

With regards to the submission suggesting the development should be divided into Randwick and South Coogee based on the current suburb boundary existing along Ellen Street, this proposal is considered confusing since there is no defined boundary that could be adopted from within the Bundock Street development.

It is recommended that the draft suburb boundary changes for the Bundock Street development be forwarded to the Geographical Names Board to proceed with action.

Land bounded by Holmes St, Avoca St, Anzac Pde, Moverly Rd and Henning Ave- Proposed Boundary Changes

The majority of submissions indicated their support towards Council’s proposal to adopt this section of Kingsford as part of the suburb of Maroubra.

It is recommended that the draft suburb boundary changes for this section of Kingsford be forwarded to the Geographical Names Board to proceed with action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council publish a notice of the new street names in the NSW Government Gazette and in the local newspaper;
2. Council notify Australia Post, the Australian Electoral Commission, the Registrar General and the Surveyor General regarding the new street names;
3. Council propose that the section of Benvenue Street of concern be named “North Benvenue Street”, advertise the proposal in the local paper and forward proposal to the GNB;
4. Draft suburb boundaries for the Bundock Street Development that were to be adopted as part of Randwick, be forwarded to the Geographical Names Board;
5. Draft suburb boundaries for the section of Kingsford bounded by Holmes Street, Anzac Parade, Moverly Road and Henning Ave (including properties that front the northern side of Holmes Street) that were to be adopted as part of Maroubra, be forwarded to the Geographical Name; and

6. Residents be advised of Council's resolution.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Under Separate Cover -

Map of proposed boundary changes (as exhibited)

Letter from GNB indicating support for the proposed street names at the Bundock Street Development

GNB suburb boundary guidelines

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ASSETS ENGINEER- ANCILLARY