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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Environment Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street Randwick on Tuesday, 9 August 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members: The Mayor D' Souza, Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, Garcia, Matson (Deputy Chairperson), Moore, Nash, Neilson, Roberts, Shurey (Chairperson), Seng, Smith, Stavrinou & Stevenson

Quorum: Eight (8) members

NOTE: At the extraordinary meeting held on 22 May 2007, the Council resolved that the Environment Committee be constituted as a committee with full delegation to determine matters on the agenda.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Confirmation of the Minutes

Environment Committee Meeting – 9 February 2016

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Address of Committee by Members of the Public

Privacy warning;

In respect to Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act, members of the public are advised that the proceedings of this meeting will be recorded for the purposes of clause 69 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Urgent Business

Environment Report

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Notice of Rescission Motions

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GENERAL MANAGER

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Introduction

The Greening Randwick Committee Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 2016 and Wednesday 2 March 2016 in the Randwick Room, Randwick City Council Administration Building, are presented to the Council Environment Committee.

Issues

The Greening Randwick Committee has met and the minutes of the meetings, which reflects discussions and outcomes, are attached.

The Greening Randwick Committee Draft Terms of Reference were endorsed by the Committee and are presented at the Council Environment Committee for adoption.

Committee Representation

At the Environment Committee meeting of 9 February 2016, Council resolved as follows:

“RESOLUTION: (Smith/Matson) that:

a report on the constitution of the Greening Randwick Committee, including the possibility of a representative from each Precinct being invited to join the Greening Randwick Committee, be brought back to the Environment Committee.”

The resolution requests that consideration be given to include Precinct representatives on the Greening Randwick Committee. Subsequently, the Kensington West Kingsford Precinct Committee at its meeting held on 15 February 2016 resolved to nominate a resident for the Greening Randwick Committee. This nomination was made following the resignation of a community representative in February 2016.

The opportunity for precinct members to nominate was available when community members were invited to be on the committee.

The Greening Randwick Committee Terms of Reference have been developed to manage the membership of the Committee to facilitate constructive and varied debate amongst members. It is considered that the existing Committee can adequately represent community views and requirements on the tree management for the light rail project. The Committee members have the background, skills and motivation to assist Randwick Council to address this complex issue of the project.

On this basis, it is considered that calling for additional committee members would not provide any significant additional capability to consider issues appropriately on behalf of Randwick Council.

The Draft Terms of Reference that have been presented for endorsement adequately cover the Greening Randwick Committee membership. They state that nomination

for additional community members is not required until the number drops below 4 members.

TfNSW's Vegetation Offset Guidelines

In accordance with TfNSW's Vegetation Offset Guidelines, it is proposed that the tree planting be undertaken at locations based on a priority to be determined by Randwick Council. The Greening Randwick Committee considered potential locations and determined that the priority planting strategy be as follows:

- 1) Along the light rail alignment
- 2) Side streets on the alignment
- 3) Anzac Parade footpaths south of Sturt Street, Kingsford
- 4) Parks, open space areas in the vicinity of the alignment
- 5) Other parks and streets in the LGA

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10: A Healthy Environment.

Direction 10b: Environmental risks and impacts are strategically managed.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The minutes of the Greening Randwick Committee meeting held on 3 February 2016 and 2 March 2016 reflect discussions and outcomes from the meeting.

It is recommended that Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes and adopts the Terms of Reference for the Greening Randwick Committee meeting as per the attached.

The Greening Randwick Committee considered potential locations for tree planting in accordance with TfNSW's Vegetation Offset Guidelines, to be undertaken as a priority. It is recommended that the priority planting strategy be endorsed by Council.

Recommendation

That:

1. the minutes of the Greening Randwick Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2016 and 2 March 2016 be received and noted.
2. the Greening Randwick Committee Draft Terms of Reference be adopted.
3. tree planting of trees identified in accordance with TfNSW's Vegetation Offset Guidelines be undertaken based on the following planting strategy:
 - a) along the light rail alignment.
 - b) side streets on the alignment.
 - c) Anzac Parade footpaths south of Sturt Street, Kingsford.
 - d) parks, open space areas in the vicinity of the alignment.
 - e) other parks and streets in the LGA.

Attachment/s:

- 1.** [↓](#) Greening Randwick Committee Minutes - 3 February 2016
- 2.** [↓](#) Greening Randwick Committee Terms of Reference
- 3.** [↓](#) Greening Randwick Committee Minutes - 2 March 2016

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MINUTES

Greening Randwick Committee Meeting

Wednesday 3 February 2016

Meeting held at 5.30pm in the Randwick Room

1. Apologies

Apologies received by the Chair for the Mayor, Noel D'Souza, Councillor Kiel Smith (Deputy Chair) and Coordinator Tree Management Services, Bryan Bourke and James Shillington.

Attendees: Councillor Murray Matson, Manager Technical Services, Joe Ingegneri, Landscape Architect, Gigi Lombardi, Heidi Dokulil, Graham Turner and Beth Salt.

2. Committee Membership – Resignation by Ms McLaurin-Smith

The Committee was informed of the resignation by Ms McLaurin-Smith. The resident representation on the Committee is now reduced to 4 members. The terms of reference state that the position does not need to be filled until the representation is reduced to less than 4 members.

3. (a) Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the Greening Randwick Committee meeting held on 16 December 2015 were endorsed.

(b) Matters arising –

- **Wansey Road stop**

The initial proposal from TfNSW for the light rail station along this section of the route was in Wansey Road near Alison Road, Randwick.

As a community group that was directly affected by the light rail, the local residents formed the Wansey Road Resident Action Group and requested Council and TfNSW to relocate the light rail stop from Wansey Road to Alison Road.

Council supported the residents request as it also provided greater safety for our community using the light rail stop with better passive surveillance from the traffic using Alison Road.

TfNSW agreed on this design change and the light rail stop was relocated to its current proposed location in Alison Road.

- **Draft Terms of Reference**

The Draft Terms of Reference were endorsed by the Committee. The Committee recommends that Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference.

ACTION: A report be presented to the Environment Committee recommending that Council adopt the Greening Randwick Committee Terms of Reference.

4. Project Update

Councillor Matson advised about the tree removals that took place along Alison Road adjacent to Centennial Park. There was a peaceful protest held but unfortunately the tree removals proceeded. Council position was that the alignment could have been realigned to save significant trees.

Numerous trees were also removed from within ATC land near the intersection of Alison Road and Wansey Road.

Randwick Council has been advised by ALTRAC about design constraints associated with the planting of trees in the vicinity of utilities. Each service provider has specifications that prohibit the planting of street trees within a certain distance of their asset. They have advised that these requirements have a higher priority than streetscape and amenity objectives. Due to these restrictions ALTRAC has stated that in some instances street tree planting cannot be undertaken as originally planned. Proposed plantings will have to be relocated to avoid the conflict. Randwick Council would like to explore whether the planting of 100L trees rather than 200L trees will overcome the constraints outlined above. It is intended to submit this option to ALTRAC so that street tree planting can be more consistent along the alignment.

5. Tree Management – Strategic Objectives

- **Position on heavily pruned canopies**

The Committee was advised that ALTRAC plans to undertake pruning of trees along the alignment to provide suitable clearance for the catenary wires and for heavy vehicles. Due to the width of the road reserve there will be changes to the traffic arrangements where a previous parking lane will become a travel lane. In order to provide the required overhead clearance there may be some significant tree pruning undertaken. Council officers are concerned that this pruning will impact on the

aesthetics of the canopy, unbalance the tree and subject the tree to wind throw.

A proposal was submitted to the Committee that Council set a requirement that the pruning in such instance be balanced to achieve a more aesthetic canopy and to avoid extensive loss of canopy.

The Committee agreed with this proposal in principle however requested that the requirement for the additional pruning not result in excessive pruning.

- **Opportunity to create planting consistency**

As part of our assessment of the planting along the light rail route it has been noted that there are several species of trees planted. The Committee was requested to consider whether tree that are not impacted by the project but are of a species that is not consistent with the tree planting theme be removed and replanted. The Committee did not support this proposal however was willing to consider any opportunities on a case by case basis.

- **Single species vs multiple species of plantings along sections of the route**

The Committee was informed that ALTRAC is considering multiple species of trees along segments of road. Randwick Council generally plants single species along a section of road to create a consistent streetscape. The Committee considered the merits of both options and determined that it would await submission by ALTRAC prior to determining a position.

- **Vegetation offsets – tree planting priorities**

A key mitigation measure for the tree losses will be the planting of new trees in accordance with TfNSW's Vegetation Offset Guidelines. It is proposed that the tree planting be undertaken at locations based on a priority to be determined by Randwick Council. The committee considered potential locations and determined that the priorities be as follows:

1. Along the light rail alignment
2. Side streets on the alignment
3. Anzac Parade footpaths south of Sturt Street, Kingsford
4. Parks, open space areas in the vicinity of the alignment
5. Other parks and streets in the LGA

ACTION: A report be presented to the Environment Committee recommending that Council adopt the tree planting priority locations.

6. General Business

During the meeting several actions were determined that would assist or inform the Committee to make decisions. These actions are as follows:

- Provide the Committee with an indicative cost for 200L tree supply and installation. (JI)
- Advise the Committee on the existing number of Kauri pine trees planted along Alison Road and the cost to plant them. (JI)
- Send the link to interactive map including existing list of trees and species to Committee members. Also provide a summary of trees to be retained, removed, transplanted and status to be determined. (GL)
- Add names of the Committee members to the Works notifications mail out list for construction works. (GL)
- Conduct a brief presentation at the next meeting on the light rail project – how will the alignment look, images, sections components of the public domain package. (GL)
- Set up a layer in the GIS interactive map for tree vegetation offsets. (GL)
- Provide large format plans for the Committee meetings that show the light rail alignment and status of trees along the route. (JI)

7. Next meeting and close

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 March 2016.



GREENING RANDWICK COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. NAME

The Committee shall be known as the Greening Randwick Committee.

2. ORIGIN

On 28 April 2015, Council resolved to re-establish the Greening Randwick Committee to consider tree management issues as part of the Light Rail project. Council's resolution was:

"that, in order to reduce tree losses under the CSELR construction, meetings of the Greening Randwick Committee be held to allow community involvement in Council's application of the 'tree management process' to be developed by TfNSW under clause 1.19.1 of the signed Development Agreement for the Sydney Light Rail project."

3. BACKGROUND

The introduction of light rail in Randwick City will bring considerable benefit to the local community but it will also bring some significant changes with impacts to the streetscape and urban forest including the removal of significant trees.

An initial assessment of the project identified that it does not involve the removal of native vegetation communities. The project only requires the removal of individual trees.

The offset for the loss of trees involves planting of replacement trees in accordance with the 'TfNSW Vegetation Offset Guide' subject to the following ratio:

TREE TYPE	OFFSET
Large mature tree – diameter at 130cm above the ground (DBH) greater than 60cm	Plant minimum 8 trees
Medium tree – diameter at 130cm above ground (DBH) greater than 15cm but less than 60cm	Plant minimum 4 trees
Small young tree – diameter above ground (DBH) less than 15cm	Plant minimum 2 trees

DBH – Diameter Breast Height
Diameter of a tree measured at 140cm from the base of the tree

The vegetation offset plan is to be developed between TfNSW and Randwick Council. The Greening Randwick Committee will assist in the development of strategies and a tree planting plan will identify locations and species to offset the loss of trees as part of the project.

4. PURPOSE

The Greening Randwick Committee is a general purpose committee that will meet regularly to review and develop tree planting and tree management strategies relating to the Light Rail project.

The Committee will provide a forum for representatives from the local community to assist with development of feasible and viable actions that can be implemented by Randwick Council.

5. DETERMINATIONS

The committee shall be an advisory body, operating on a consensus basis, which submits recommendations for consideration by Randwick City Council. The Committee does not have any determining authority.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Committee membership shall consist of 11 members as per the following:

1. Chairperson (Determined by Council resolution)
2. Deputy Chairperson (Determined by Council resolution)
3. Councillor representative (Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor)
4. Randwick City resident
5. Randwick City resident
6. Randwick City resident
7. Randwick City resident
8. Randwick City resident
9. Council staff representative
10. Council staff representative
11. Council staff representative

Community representatives will be selected by seeking expressions of interest in accordance with the following criteria:

- ✓ live within Randwick City
- ✓ be available to attend after hours meetings and demonstrate an understanding of Council's light rail support plan
- ✓ demonstrate a commitment to giving Council objective and constructive feedback on tree and landscape issues
- ✓ have relevant experience working with community organisations
- ✓ have knowledge of the local area
- ✓ be able to work cooperatively with others of different opinions and backgrounds

Council staff representatives will include:

- a. Manager Technical Services
- b. Coordinator Tree Management Services
- c. Landscape Architect

Depending on the nature of issues raised, it may be necessary to invite relevant internal and external representatives to meetings to present to the Committee.

7. TENURE OF MEMBERSHIP

There is no specified term for office for community committee members or council staff representatives. Elected representatives on the committee are selected by Council resolution annually. The Committee will continue to convene so long as there remains a need to discuss tree management issues relating to the Light Rail project. Should there be a vacancy in the resident representation, the committee may elect to operate with a reduced number of community representatives subject to the number not being less than 4. Alternatively, Council may call for expressions of interest for resident representation to fill the vacant seat.

8. CHAIRPERSON

The positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson will be determined by Council resolution.

The Chairperson will be Cr Murray Matson and the Deputy Chairperson will be Cr Kiel Smith.

9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Responsibilities of members include:

1. Attending and participating in meetings
2. Working with other members to develop ideas and actions or strategies on tree management as part of the Light Rail project that will be recommended to Randwick Council for adoption
3. Other tasks as mutually agreed by the committee

10. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL

Council will provide secretarial support including:

1. Preparing and distributing agendas
2. Minute taking and distribution of minutes
3. Administration of arrangements for meetings
4. Notifying members of meetings
5. Professional officer support
6. Other administrative duties as required

11. PROCEDURES AND PROCEEDINGS

Meetings of the Committee shall be held from time to time as determined by the committee. Future meeting dates will be determined by consensus by the membership during the course of a meeting.

Determination on recommendations shall be by general consensus.

In relation to any procedural matter, the ruling of the Chairperson shall be final.

12. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Members of the Committee shall receive at least ten working days written notice of ordinary meetings and such notice shall include an agenda of that meeting.

13. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Minutes of meetings shall be distributed to members 10 days following the meeting.

14. MEDIA AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the committee are not permitted to make public or media comments on behalf of the committee. Committee members may speak to the media in their own private capacity as residents.

15. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Members may, in consultation with the Committee and with the consent of the Chair, request that an invitation be extended to a particular individual to attend a future meeting for the purpose of providing a presentation on a particular topic as requested by the committee.

16. AMENDMENTS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

These Terms of Reference shall only be amended by the Council.



MINUTES

Greening Randwick Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2 March 2015

Meeting held at 5.30pm in the Randwick Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Apologies received by the Chair for the Mayor, Noel D'Souza, Councillor Kiel Smith (Deputy Chair), Beth Salt and Bryan Bourke.

Attendees: Councillor Murray Matson, Joe Ingegneri, Gigi Lombardi, Heidi Dokulil and Graham Turner.

2. (a) Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the Greening Randwick Committee meeting held on 2 March 2016 were endorsed.

(b) Matters arising –

- **200L tree supply and installation**

The Committee was advised that the cost to supply, plant and establish a 200L tree was approximately \$180.

- **Alison Road Kauri Pine trees**

The Committee were advised that 44 Kauri Pines were planted in 2011. The works included planting of 100L trees, establishment and erection of tree surrounds. The cost of the work was \$37,730.

3. Light Rail project update

A presentation was made to the Committee providing an update on the following:

- Construction works scheduled for March and April
- Relocation of the Kauri Pines along Alison Road between Anzac Parade and Darley Road (note that the pines are being transplanted)

- Update on the status of existing trees and an assessment of the trees along Alison Road.

4. Light Rail project presentation – Urban elements

At the request of the Committee to be better informed of the overall project and how it will look, the Committee was shown the details of the Urban Elements at stops and cross sections at various locations to show the Light Rail and road network configuration.

5. General Business

The Committee was presented with a proposal to set up a web portal for the Greening Randwick Committee. The web portal will have the following features:

- Web based access for Committee members
- Access to a library of documents including minutes, maps and technical documents
- A forum for discussion of topics
- A news feed so that the Committee can be informed of relevant work notifications and issues

The Committee saw the proposal as being beneficial to its operation and agreed that it be implemented.

ACTIONS:

1. Implement web portal
2. Include the RCC Street Tree Masterplan in the document library
3. Increase the scope of the interactive map to include the trees on the eastern side of Anzac Parade up to the proposed tunnel
4. Update the interactive map so that tree numbers correspond with the tree assessment table in EIS

6. Next meeting and close

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 April 2016.