

# *NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING*

## *PUBLIC SUPPLEMENTARY*

### *AGENDA - A*

An Ordinary Meeting of City of Parramatta Council will be held in the Wentworth Point Library, 10 Footbridge Boulevard, Wentworth Point on Tuesday, 15 June 2021 at 6.30pm.

Brett Newman  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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***After the conclusion of the Council Meeting, and if time permits, Councillors will be provided an opportunity to ask questions of staff***

## NOTICE OF MOTION

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<b>ITEM NUMBER</b>	18.1
<b>SUBJECT</b>	NOTICE OF MOTION: Shortage of Dog Parks in Epping Ward
<b>REFERENCE</b>	F2021/00521 - D08079939
<b>FROM</b>	Councillor Davis

### MOTION

- (a) **That** a report be brought to Council regarding the feasibility of a fenced off-leash dog park on the open lawn at West Epping Park (referred to on the Masterplan as #18).
- (b) **Further, that** this report:
- notes that the West Epping Park Masterplan included the potential for a dog off-leash area on the open lawn (referred to as #18) subject to separate approval,
  - acknowledges that the Community Infrastructure Strategy identifies there is a lack of dedicated dog parks in Catchment 3, defined as Epping, Beecroft and Eastwood,
  - identifies potential funding sources for an off-leash dog park at West Epping Park including, but not limited, to planning, community consultation, detailed design and construction,
  - be returned to a Council meeting for consideration in the fourth quarter of 2021.

### BACKGROUND

- Currently there are no dog parks located within the Epping Ward. The closest dog parks are at Cowells Lane Reserve (Ermington), John Wearne Reserve (North Rocks), Don Moore Reserve (North Rocks) and Epping Oval (Hornsby Shire Council).
- The significant increase in apartment living in Epping has increased the demand for easily accessible dog-friendly parks. Support for the construction of a dog park in the Epping Ward is not limited to those who live in apartments.
- Dog parks provide a safe environment for residents to take their dogs for recreation. City of Parramatta's *Community Infrastructure Strategy* identifies that there is a lack of dedicated dog parks in Catchment 3, defined as Epping, Beecroft and Eastwood.
- The master concept plan for West Epping Park included a dog park near the Grant Close entrance to the park (please see #18 on the attached West Epping Park master concept plan) that was not realised in the final plan.
- Further consideration of a dog park will require broad community consultation using a wide range of consultative methods.
- This Notice of Motion is seeking a report back to the Chamber in the final quarter of 2021 thus allowing ample time for council officers to compile the relevant information, including funding options.

Donna Davis  
**Councillor**

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS

7. A new off-leash dog park within West Epping Park is consistent with the adopted West Epping Park Masterplan and Council's Community Infrastructure Strategy. It is noted that dog park provision can be a contentious issue in the community and that community consultation has not occurred for the West Epping Park site. Given this, Council's consideration of a detailed report for a new dog park prior to public consultation, as suggested, is supported. A report can be produced under existing staff resources by the end of December 2021.

## FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8. The report can be prepared utilising existing staff resources.

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Donna Davis  
**Councillor Davis**

Paul Perrett  
**Chief Financial Officer**

John Warburton  
**Executive Director, City Assets & Operations**

Brett Newman  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**KEY:****Sports Facilities:**

1. Synthetic sportsground surface including 1 senior soccer field 100m x 65m, 1 junior soccer field 70m x 43m, 1 senior cricket oval 100m x 118m & provision for 5-a-side soccer competitions. Sportsfield to include 6 sports floodlight towers to 22m height.
2. 3 x cricket practice nets incorporated into synthetic surface.
3. Existing netball Courts to be retained.
4. Basketball Court (subject to funding).
5. Amenities block, change rooms and canteen (subject to separate approval).

**Community Hub:**

6. Toddler playground catering for children aged 2-5 years.
7. Ramped access between car park and play area.
8. Swings.
9. Picnic area with BBQ, large double shelter, seats and tables.
10. Outdoor 'Ping-Pong' tables with small shelter, seats and table.
11. Large playground including climbing structures, slides, spinners, mammoth nest swing, seating walls and shade tree planting.
12. Soft-fall embankment with slides, climbing nets, climbing ropes and areas of informal seating.
13. 'Street' style skate area, with ramps, jumps and grind bars on flat open concrete surface.
14. Large shelter with seats and tables overlooking park.
15. Informal open space for children's play including seats and benches and improved pedestrian access to schools and community hall.
16. Grassed spectator embankment.
17. Informal open lawns.
18. Open lawn - potential for dog off-leash area. Off-leash use subject to separate approval.
19. Terraced seating

**Vehicle & Parking Management**

20. 133 space car park/ share-way with vehicle connections to Mountain St. and Downing St.
21. Intersection upgrade including new roundabout, traffic calming devices and improved pedestrian footpath connections.
22. Delivery and service vehicle access (only) to pre-school and community hall.
23. 20 Space car park off Grant Close; provision for future car park expansion allowed for at the southern end.
24. Intersection upgrade at Junction of Lilli Pili & Ward St. and West Epping Park Entry. Parking removed from outside YMCA building. Existing speed humps on Lilli-Pili St. modified to allow two-way traffic movement.

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 APPROVED: KH SHEET NUMBER: 1 of 2 SCALE: N.T.S. DATE: JULY 2015



# WEST EPPING PARK LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN JULY 2015

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 18.2  
**SUBJECT** NOTICE OF MOTION: Newington Anglican Church  
**REFERENCE** F2021/00521 - D08079021  
**FROM** Councillor Issa

**MOTION**

**That** a report be brought to a Council Meeting on possible locations for Newington Anglican Church's Sunday services in the Wentworth Point area, until such time as the Church can raise sufficient funds to purchase land in the area to construct a new Church.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Correspondence has been received from the Newington Anglican Church requesting assistance in finding possible locations in the Wentworth Point area to hold Sunday services until such time as it can raise sufficient funds to purchase land in the area to construct a new Church. A copy of the correspondence from the Newington Anglican Church is attached to this Notice of Motion.

Steven Issa  
**Councillor**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY SERVICES RESPONSE**

2. The hire of the main rooms at WPCCL and across all Council facilities are at high demand at weekends for a wide range of casual uses. This includes one off events, social gathering and children's parties, where bookings often start from 9am across the weekend.
3. The prioritisation of casual hire of our main community rooms at the weekend is reflected in Section 19 of City of Parramatta's Terms and Conditions across all Community Centre Facilities, with the regular hire of main halls only being available during weekdays.
4. Council staff have met with representatives of the Newington Anglican Church and it was understood discussions were underway for the Church to secure bookings at the nearby school hall. The Church have been offered the use of smaller rooms at WPCCL to meet the auxiliary need of the Church that the school would not accommodate.
5. In addition, Council staff have recently offered the Newington Anglican Church other meeting rooms at WPCCL for regular Sunday hire, along with the opportunity to book the large WPCCL function room for a maximum six weekend casual bookings in a calendar year as per council's policy.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6. There are no financial or resource implications for Council associated with this Notice of Motion.

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Steven Issa  
**Councillor Issa**

Paul Perrett  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Jon Greig  
**Executive Director Community Services**

Brett Newman  
**Chief Executive Officer**

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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Auburn and Newington Anglican Churches  
48 Hall Street  
Auburn 2144

May 24, 2021

Councillor Bob Dwyer  
Mayor  
City of Parramatta Council  
PO Box 32  
Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Mayor,

I am the ordained Senior Minister of St Philip's Anglican Church Auburn, and Newington Anglican Church. I am also a registered medical practitioner, working at Wellbank Street Medical Practice on a part time basis.

I lead the Anglican Christian ministry across the suburbs: Auburn, Silverwater, Newington and Wentworth Point. We currently have three congregations meeting - two on our site in Auburn, and one in the Newington Community Centre. We have a regular Sunday attendance of between 200 and 250 people.

Our Newington congregation currently enjoys a regular Sunday afternoon booking in the Newington Community Centre, for which I give you thanks. Our congregation is growing, so that we are now at capacity in that space. We would like to open a new congregation in Wentworth Point: Wentworth Point Anglican Church. I am writhing to request that we be allowed to hire the new Wentworth Point Community Centre for a regular Sunday morning booking, for our community.

I was excited to closely follow the building of the Wentworth Point Library and Community Centre. I was at the top of the list for community organisations to whom the Parramatta City Council was planning to hire space. When the centre opened I was surprised and shocked to hear that they were not taking regular bookings on a weekend. A maximum of 8 bookings was allowed per group, per calendar year. This made it impossible for our community.



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I believe that this cuts across the purpose of a community centre. The City of Parramatta website expresses how the spaces will be made available to residents in 'versatile' way:

'Wentworth Point Community Centre and Library offers a number of spaces that can be hired for events, workshops, birthdays, meetings and much more. Our facility is versatile and will adapt to the needs of residents and businesses, allowing the community to book a space that is most suitable for their needs.

We are a community organisation with a large local multi-ethnic membership. We are looking to start a congregation in Wentworth Point. We have recently commenced a community playgroup in the Wentworth Point Community Centre, which was fully booked before it opened. We are starting an ESL class in Wentworth Point Community Centre in June. We have every reason to believe that a new church in Wentworth Point would fill up very quickly with interested local residents. There is currently no opportunity for our community to meet on a Sunday. You will know that in our religion, Sunday is the day that we like to meet. The prohibition against a regular Sunday booking directly isolates our Christian community from being allowed to meet.

I ask that this current restriction against regular Sunday bookings be waived in our situation, and that we be allowed to hire the Wentworth Point Community Centre regularly, on a Sunday morning, effective immediately.



Reverend Doctor Timothy Cocks  
B Med Dip Obs FRACGP B Div (Hons 1)



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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

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**ITEM NUMBER** 18.3  
**SUBJECT** NOTICE OF MOTION: Illegal Dumping  
**REFERENCE** F2021/00521 - D08079611  
**FROM** Councillor Pandey

**MOTION**

- (a) **That** Council note:
- Illegal dumping is prevalent in the LGA;
  - Illegal dumping costs the ratepayers thousands of dollars in cleanup.
- (b) **Further, that** Council:
1. Find ways to proactively minimise illegal dumping.
  2. Develop strong enforcement plans to deter and punish illegal dumping.
  3. Develop effective illegal dumping programs including Anti-dumping campaigns to educate and warn residents in illegal dumping hot spots.
  4. Provide recommendations back to Council on how best we can deal with illegal dumping.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Illegal dumping is untidy, expensive to manage, and negatively impacts local amenity and pride. Residents expect to see 'clean public spaces' and want to see dumpers prosecuted.
2. A study by the NSW EPA found 81% of councils considered illegal dumping to be a moderate or major problem, up from 58% in 2004.
3. Illegal dumping is a rising concern for the community and is becoming a problem across the City of Parramatta LGA. This has impacted on the quality of life for a number of people in the community and with the population growth, this problem is going to grow if strong proactive measures are not implemented.
4. Littering and illegally dumped rubbish is unsightly and disrespectful to the environment and members of our community. Illegal dumping of waste has the potential to cause health and safety risks for both people and the natural environment.
5. Photos of illegal dumping in the Local Government Area is attached to this Notice of Motion.

Sameer Pandey  
**Councillor**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS RESPONSE**

6. Illegal dumping is an issue within the LGA, with some suburbs worse than others. This can include: illegal tipping of building materials; hazardous waste; asbestos; and, the dumping of household goods on the road reserve. Another issue occurs when householders put out household waste for a booked cleanup too early and this serves as a magnet for illegally dumped household waste.

7. Currently the main problem is with household goods, paints, oils, tyres and mattresses. In previous years the dumping of asbestos and building materials were particularly problematic, however Council action involving the tracking of waste and aggressive EPA action has reduced this significantly.
8. The cost of clean-up is ultimately borne by rate payers and Council spends approximately \$150k-\$200k pa in tipping fees alone cleaning up illegally dumped goods. This does not include staff time and the resources used.
9. Council has run programs over the years to address these concerns and have found positive results during and immediately after these programs but are yet to create a behavioural change which would produce long term and ongoing results.
10. This is a complex problem that impacts several areas across Council including Rangers and Parking Services, Cleansing, Waste Services, Place Services, Open Space and Recreation.
11. Council's Ranger and Parking Services are currently working with the EPA developing a program that will address illegal dumping on a longer-term basis. In addition an internal staff working group comprising of Regulatory Services, Cleansing, Sustainability & Waste and Place Services are assessing the results and experience of neighbouring councils in Western Sydney who have used a combination of community education, enforcement and surveillance tactics in managing illegal dumping 'hot spot' locations. Plans are underway to pilot a tailored program across Harris Park in the new financial year. This working group will report back to the new Council, in September/October 2021, following the trials.

## FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no financial or resource implications associated with this Notice of Motion.

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**Councillor Pandey**

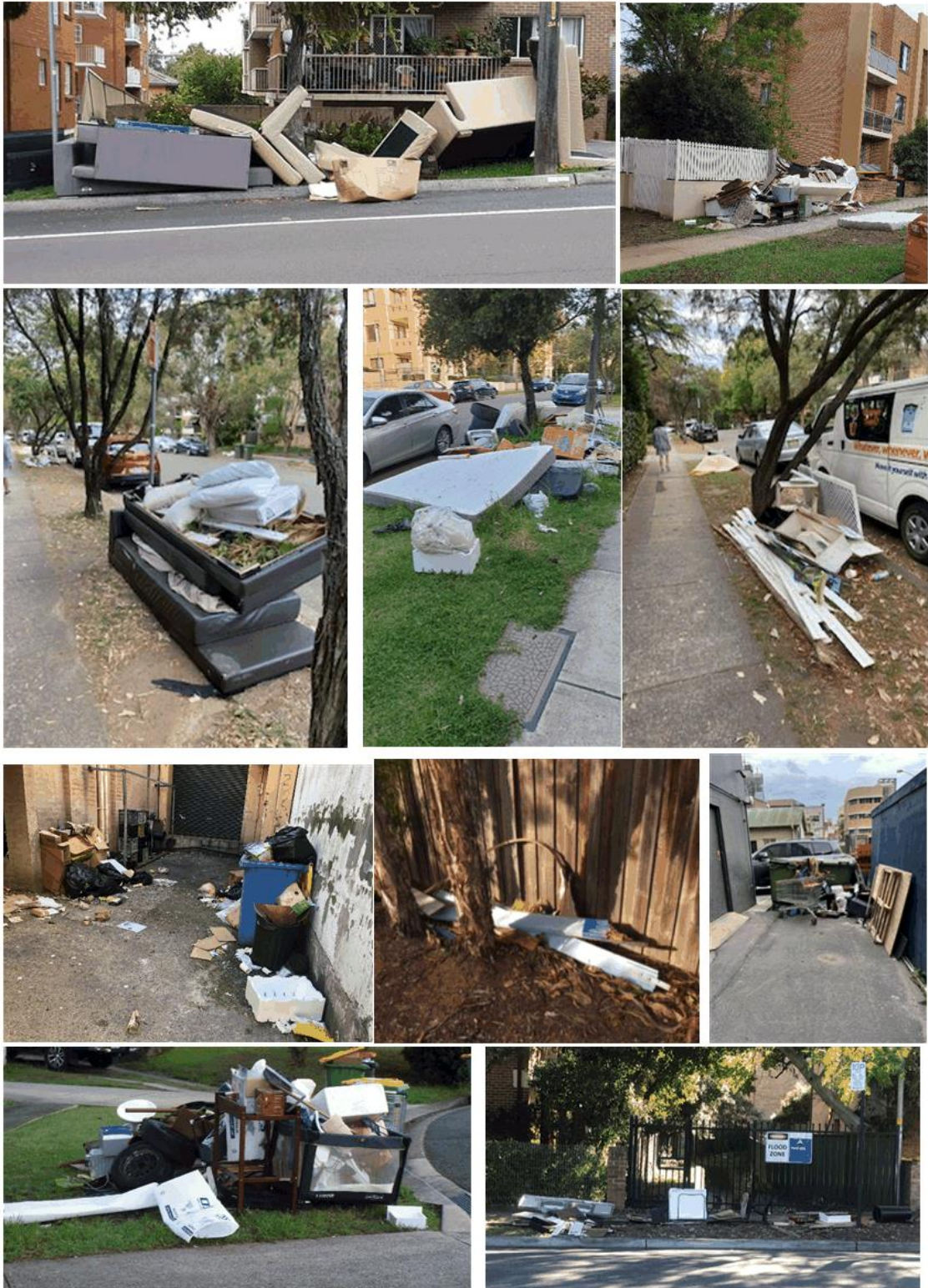
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**Chief Executive Officer**

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

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**ITEM NUMBER** 18.4  
**SUBJECT** NOTICE OF MOTION: Removal of 60 Trees in Parramatta Park for the Construction of 130 Car Parking Spaces  
**REFERENCE** F2021/00521 - D08078443  
**FROM** Councillor Prociv

### MOTION

- (a) **That** Council write to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces reiterating the City of Parramatta's support for National Tree Day.
- (b) **Further, that** Council does not support the removal of 60 trees and loss of passive recreation space by the Parramatta Park Trust to make way for an additional 130 car parking spaces in Parramatta Park.

### BACKGROUND

1. In light of the recent announcement by Parramatta Park Trust that 60 trees will be cut down in Parramatta Park to make way for 130 car parking spaces, plus Council's commitment to celebrating National Tree Day and Minister Stokes announcement that the time is ripe to plant more trees in Greater Sydney.

Patricia Prociv  
**Councillor**

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITY ASSETS & OPERATIONS

#### National Tree Day

2. National Tree Day is a National event that is coordinated by Planet Ark. Planet Ark is a 'not for profit' and Non-Government Organisation that is not associated with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the associated Hon. Rob Stokes Minister for Planning and Public Spaces. However a tree planting program is also to be run separately by the State Government as part of the Greening our City grant. As part of the Premier's Greening Our Cities initiative to plant 1,000,000 trees to increase tree canopy and tree cover in Greater Sydney by 2022, \$10 million has been made available to Council's across Greater Sydney. The grant program is being administered by Local Government NSW on behalf of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city>

3. In December 2020 Council received advice from the NSW Department of Local Government (LGNSW) that our project Greening Parramatta was successful. The NSW Government grant of \$500,000 is matched by Council's \$500,000 contribution and will be implemented over 2021/22 and 2022/23. Council's contribution is being funded under Council's existing Public Trees Planting Program. The Greening Parramatta project will commence in March 2022 and will result in the planting of approximately 2,600 trees in Council Parks and nature strips, and includes a tree maintenance period of 12 months.

4. Council could consider writing to the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces to thank the Department for supporting the Greening Parramatta project.

#### Car Parking Spaces in Parramatta Park

5. Parramatta Park Trust are currently implementing 'The Peoples Loop' project that aims to prioritise walking and cycling connections by moving existing car parking to specific nodes within the Park. The car park works includes the removal of 60 trees at various locations to accommodate an additional 130 car parking spaces. The Trust have indicated that all trees removed will be offset by new tree planting within the park. Council resolved on 16 December 2019 to support the intent of the Peoples Loop to improve accessibility within the Parks 'Our Parramatta Park 2030' Conservation Management Plan and Plan of Management submission (D07186804/ attached).
6. Council is not the approval authority for these works. The Works are permitted without consent under the NSW Infrastructure SEPP as the project is contained within the Parramatta Park Trust adopted Plan of Management and on that basis a DA is not required under Part 4 of the NSW EP&A Act. Given that the Park is State Heritage Listed, a s60 approval under the NSW Heritage Act 1977 was granted in 2015 from the NSW Heritage Council.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

7. There are no additional / unbudgeted financial or resource implications associated with this Notice of Motion.

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Patricia Prociv  
**Councillor Prociv**

Paul Perrett  
**Chief Financial Officer**

John Warburton  
**Executive Director, City Assets & Operations**

Brett Newman  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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# The People's Loop - The Paddocks Precinct

Parramatta Park Trust (Trust) is committed to taking care of and celebrating the Park's natural and cultural heritage, increasing community participation in the Park, and managing the Park in a sustainable way.

In consultation with the community, in 2015 we prepared a masterplan for The Paddocks Precinct which proposed a new playground, new picnic and BBQ facilities, amenities buildings, pedestrian paths and bridges, restoration and adaptive reuse of the Queens Road Gatehouse, carparking and landscaping. Many of these new park facilities have been delivered since the masterplan was complete.

At the same time, we prepared a park wide strategy *The People's Loop* which is a long-term vision for Parramatta Park that proposes to remove the majority of vehicles from within the core of the Park, to provide more space for people to safely walk and cycle, and reduce conflict between different modes of transport. This strategy was formed as a response to the Trust's recognition of the growing problem of conflict between different modes of transport used within the park – cars, bicycles and pedestrians.

Feedback from the community consultation and last year's successful two-month 'People's Loop' trial indicate that there is widespread community support for these improvements to the Park, which address the need to upgrade facilities as the population density of the region increases and the Park plays a greater role within the community.

The project will be realised over a number of years as funding becomes available and will provide a better experience for park users of this world heritage significant place.

## What is proposed

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The proposed People's Loop will remove cars from much of the existing internal road within Parramatta Park. This frees up the internal road for wider pedestrian and bicycle lanes making walking and cycling easier on the loop and reduces the conflict with the different modes. This will mean more people, families and children can cycle or walk safely for fun or fitness.

It is proposed that car parking will be in hubs around the Park to allow access to key destinations. The car parking hubs will reduce conflicts with the various Park users. There will be no net reduction in car parking numbers available in the Park. The People's Loop will also remove the 'rat run' between the Parramatta CBD and Westmead.

The main objective of this proposal is to:

- increase Park safety by minimising conflict between differing modes of transport;
- provide a dedicated and safe, car-free, pedestrian and cycling loop;
- preserve and enhance the heritage and amenity of the Park; and
- accommodate increasing visitation to the Park.

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## Current works

As the next stage of implementing the Paddocks Masterplan and to support the long-term vision of the removal of vehicles and carparking spaces on the loop road in West Domain in the Park, new carefully considered carparking and associated landscaping is being constructed off Park Avenue.

The scheme has been designed in coordination with our landscape architects and heritage consultants to ensure there is a balance between respecting the site's heritage and landscape setting and upgrading existing and providing new facilities to meet our visitors needed. These works were approved by Heritage NSW in 2016.

Sensitive landscaping will tie the works into the landscape of the Paddocks Precinct and to act as screening in certain locations, such as the southern carpark.

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As part of this project we will be carrying out archaeological excavation works to better understand this part of the Park. These excavations will be carried out in consultation with our Aboriginal community and stakeholders.

A total of \$2.5M is being invested into Parramatta Park for the current works, which include:

- Archaeological excavation works
- A new car park accessed off Park Avenue adjacent to the railway line. This carpark is made up of 86 parking spaces and has been sensitively designed into the landscape setting, set back from Park Avenue with a landscape buffer, and retains existing significant trees. The carpark consists of a looped asphalt drive and decomposed granite carparking bays like elsewhere in the Park. The carpark will include a number of connecting paths and new tree.
- New car parking bays for park users accessed from Park Avenue, between Queens Road Gatehouse and Coleman Oval. A total of 44 parking spaces will be located between stands of existing mature trees. The layout will be like the existing council carpark located further south on Park Avenue.
- An upgrade to the Queens Road Gatehouse entry to improve pedestrian and vehicular access into the Park and respond to changes being made to traffic circulation from the Parramatta Light Rail Project.
- New park furniture and signage.
- Improved pedestrian footpaths leading into the Park from Park Avenue.
- The removal of approximately 60 trees. Most existing trees across the site will be retained and protected, preserving the continuous band of trees along Park Avenue and ensuring space is afforded to significant trees such as the Moreton Bay Fig in the southern carpark. All existing trees will be carefully protected during the works and an arborist will be engaged to manage tree protection and advise on ongoing tree management
- Landscape improvements including planting of 60 advanced native trees, installation of new turf areas and establishment of new garden beds at the Queens Road

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Gatehouse Entry.

Archaeological excavation works have commenced, and construction works will commence in May and are expected to be completed in late 2021.

## Resources

Information and design options, **download our Access and Circulation Community Consultation Boards.**

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## Time ripe to plant more trees in Greater Sydney

11 March 2021

The 500,000th tree was planted by Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes today at Bungarribee Park, where the Minister announced the latest \$10 million round of the Greening our City grant program for Sydney's councils to plant trees.

"Our vision is for a city within a park, where people can walk or cycle to world-class public green spaces framed by trees," Mr Stokes said.

"We've brought the latest round of the \$10 million Greening our City grant program forward to take advantage of the better planting conditions as a result of the La Nina weather pattern."

"We know how valuable tree cover is for lowering heat, providing shade and enhancing our neighbourhoods, and by planting the 500,000th tree we are well on our way to meeting our target of one million.

"The Greening our City program has been a great success in delivering greener, safer and cooler urban environments while also progressing innovation projects."

The program advances the Premier's Priority of Greening Our City, announced in June 2019, to increase tree canopy and green cover by planting one million trees in Greater Sydney by 2022. The priority is part of the Five Million Trees Program, which aims to plant five million trees in Greater Sydney by 2030.

Greater Sydney councils can submit grant applications until 14 April. The grant program is being administered by Local Government NSW on behalf of the Department. Successful applicants will be notified in May.

Program details, and previous recipients, are available on the [Greening our City grants](#).

## Other news

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<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/articles/2021/time-ripe-to-plant-more-trees-in-greater-sydney>

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Time ripe to plant more trees in Greater Sydney | NSW Dept of Planning, Industry and Environment

## Hume and Hovell Track upgrade progresses

The Hume and Hovell Walking Track is getting a facelift as work on the pedestrian bridge replacement program steams ahead.



29 May 2021

## New flood-prone planning to combat disasters

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes today launched the Flood Prone Land Package saying as natural disasters become more frequent and severe, communities needed to increase their resilience through better planning.



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## COUNCILLORS BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

To	Lord Mayor All Councillors	Prepared by	Grace Keenan - Natural Resource Officer - Bushcare
Copies	Executive Team Chief of Staff, Executive Office Policy Advisor, Executive Office Executive Officer Project Officer Councillor Support	Date	19 May 2021
		Subject	City of Parramatta National Tree Day Community Planting Events June- August 2021
Through	James Smallson – Manager Open Space & Natural Resources <i>JS 20/5/21</i>	HPRM	F2005/00080

### Purpose

To provide information to Council and staff on the arrangements for Council's participation in this year's National Tree Day event 2021, which will be held at Upjohn Park, 71 Ulm Street in Ermington.

### Background

National Tree Day is a day when tens of thousands of Australians get together to plant local native trees, shrubs and grasses to help improve habitat for our native wildlife. Council, together with our local Bushcare Groups and other community groups, have supported National Tree Day activities and attendance has continued to grow over recent years.

### Current Status

Council has participated in this annual national event since it commenced in 1996. Last year due to Covid restrictions, Parramatta's National Tree Day was celebrated virtually with members of the public invited to 'adopt-a-tree' and send in an inspirational message which was displayed at the site where contractors installed the plants. This year, we are planning to go ahead with our in-person community planting, by hosting a series of seven smaller National Tree Day planting activities across the months of June, July and August. This has been done to ensure we are providing a Covid-safe event and appropriately managing social distancing. We hope to attract up to 50 volunteers per event and anticipate up to 350 volunteers in total. We are aiming to plant 5,250 native tube stock at this reserve across all seven events.



### Key Considerations

The planting project aims to increase biodiversity and improve habitat by planting 5,250 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers along the Ponds Subiaco bushland corridor. This location is part of an Endangered Ecological vegetation community known as Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest. Upjohn Park is an important wildlife corridor for our native animals and birds.

Our first event will be held on World Environment Day in an effort to highlight this important green date and celebrate this year's theme of 'Reimagine. Recreate. Restore'. The final event will be held on the official Planet Ark National Tree Day on 1 August 2021.

Registrations to attend this event are essential to ensure we comply with our Covid-Safe plan. Registrations are to be completed via Council's website: <https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/nationaltreeday>

### Financial and/or Legal Implications

The costs associated with these tree-planting activities are funded from the existing Open Space and Natural Resources Operational works budget.

### Risks

Council's staff will manage supervision of all volunteers. Council will supply all gloves, tools, safety inductions and first aid on the day. A Covid-safe plan has been developed for this event through the NSW Health website, and guests will be asked to scan a NSW Health QR code upon arrival. To comply with social distancing, the number of volunteers at each event will be limited to 50 people per session and it is a ticketed event. Staff will sanitise tools between usages. Hand sanitiser will be made available at several locations on the day, and volunteers will be provided their own gloves, which they will be instructed to wear throughout the duration of the event. The event will be managed in line with the up to date advice provided by NSW Health at the time of the event. In the occurrence of inclement weather conditions that may pose a risk to the public, a decision will be made on the morning of the event and if cancelled, notification signs will be placed up in the reserve.

### Media, Communications & Community Engagement

The event will be widely promoted through advertising, Council's website and social media. Promotions have been scaled back this year, in an effort to ensure the numbers per event do not exceed our 50 person maximum. Council has engaged a professional photographer to attend our first planting event on 5 June.

### Social Impacts

The event will engage up to 350 City of Parramatta residents. These events aim to increase the wellbeing of our community by getting people outside and enjoying our parks, reserves and natural spaces. As a result of the Covid restrictions, it has become increasingly apparent that there is a growing interest in the community for access to Council's parks and reserves including our natural areas for recreation such as bush walking. Many residents of the local Parramatta community have also expressed an interest in increased opportunities to assist in the recovery of our natural environment.

### Environmental Impacts

These events will benefit the Critically Endangered Ecological Community of Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest at Upjohn Park Reserve by planting 5,250 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers into the bushland reserve. The event will address the City of Parramatta Environmental Sustainability Strategy by enhancing and increasing our green spaces, protecting and enhancing the health of our ecosystems and helping to increase canopy cover.

**Attachments**

National Tree Day 2021 Flyer

**Author sign off**

Signature: .....

Name: Grace Keenan

Position: Natural Resource Officer - Bushcare Date: Insert Date

**Executive Director sign off**

Signature: .....

Name: John Warburton

Position: Executive Director, City Assets and Operations Date: Insert Date 28/05/2021

CEO Sign off required? Yes ☐ / No ☒ (please check the box). If No, please CC the CEO**CEO Sign off**

Signature: .....

Name:

Position: Chief Executive Officer Date: Insert Date

Additional Comments:  
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## Join Council's National Tree Day celebrations

This year to celebrate National Tree Day, Council will host a series of seven community-planting events, where you are invited to plant native trees, shrubs and groundcovers.

Events will take place at Upjohn Park North - Reserve at 71 Ulm Street in Ermington on the below dates.

- **Saturday 5 June, World Environment Day**  
Event 1: 9.30-11am
- **Monday 21 June**  
Event 2: 9.30-11am  
Event 3: 11.30am-1pm
- **Monday 5 July**  
Event 4: 9.30-11am  
Event 5: 11.30am-1pm
- **Sunday 1 August, Official National Tree Day**  
Event 6: 9.30-11am  
Event 7: 11.30am-1pm



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