Business Paper

Shire Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Monday, 5 June 2017
Commencing at the conclusion of the Corporate Governance Committee and Shire Services Committee Meetings

Committee Rooms 203 and 204,
Level 2, Administration Building
4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland
ORDER OF BUSINESS

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   INF015A-17 T689/16 Construction of the Burnum Burnum Boat Ramp with Onramp Pontoon and Wetland Upgrade
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Council received a request that the name "Harris Park" be adopted for the unnamed reserve at 6-8 Leonay Street, Sutherland to honour the late local resident, Rita Harris.
- Council resolved to provide in-principle support for the naming proposal and to undertake community consultation.
- All feedback received from the community during the community consultation period was supportive of the proposal.
- It is recommended that a formal submission be made by Council to the Geographical Names Board to adopt the name "Harris Park" for the reserve.

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That a submission be made to the Geographical Names Board of NSW for the public reserve located at 6-8 Leonay Street, Sutherland to be named "Harris Park."
PURPOSE
To report on the community consultation results regarding the proposed naming of the public reserve located at 6-8 Leonay Street, Sutherland as 'Harris Park' in honour of local residents Sidney Harris and the late Rita Harris.

BACKGROUND
In 2016, Council received a detailed submission from Sidney Harris requesting that the unnamed reserve at 6-8 Leonay Street Sutherland be named "Rita Harris Reserve" in recognition of the extraordinary efforts made by his late wife to develop the park.

Following a review of the documentation, in its meeting on 18 July 2016, Council resolved to provide in-principal support for the name "Harris Park," and undertake consultation with the community prior to making a formal submission to the Geographical Names Board (IPR002-17).

The park is a small 1330 m2 reserve with a single road frontage to Leonay Street, Sutherland. The land is owned by Sutherland Shire Council and includes Lot 14, Sec 35, DP 802. The reserve does not have an assigned geographical name.

DISCUSSION
The request for the change of name was put forward by Mr Sidney Harris, the husband of late local resident Rita Harris. Mr Harris submitted detailed documentation outlining Rita's contribution to the development of the park and extraordinary community service. Mr Harris originally suggested the name "Rita Harris Reserve," however, following review of the documentation provided, it was evident that the community service of the Harris's was a team effort and the name, "Harris Park" was adopted as an appropriate alternative.

CONSULTATION
Following the Council resolution, the Park and Reserve Assets unit has undertaken community consultation with the proposal being on public exhibition for a three week period, from 5 to 26 April 2017. Community members were notified of the proposal through an advertisement that ran in the St George & Sutherland Shire Leader on 5 April 2017 and on Council's website through the online forum 'Join the Conversation.'

During the consultation period, seven responses were received. All respondents were in support of the naming proposal.

An excerpt from the responses includes the following statement from a local resident:
"I agree it would be a nice tribute to Mrs & Mr Harris to name the park after them. They both put in many days of hard work and in their own time and at their own expense to clean-up the drain and surrounding area to make the area safe for the local children to play in."

Respondents provided feedback through the following channels; three direct phone calls, two direct emails, and two written responses through 'Join the Conversation.'

Two additional responses were received after the consultation period had closed; one in support of the proposal and one in opposition. They have not been included in this report.

**BUDGET AND RESOURCES**

Should the proposal be approved by the Geographical Names Board, installation of new park signage will be the responsibility of the Park & Reserve Assets Unit.

**POLICY**

Council, at its meeting of 19 March 2001 adopted a policy for the "Naming of Public Facilities." The policy states as follows:

1. Council will recognise and abide by the Geographical Names Board of NSW guidelines for determination of placenames
2. Council in considering the merit of each proposal, shall name its facilities in honour of persons who satisfy the following criteria:

   "Regardless of whether Council honours living persons or those who are deceased, the Council should satisfy itself that the person concerned has:
   
   - Made a significant contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment;
   - Demonstrated achievement at a high level or;
   - Made a voluntary contribution to the Shire and stands out from others who may have also made a valuable contribution.

   The recognition could apply to Councillors, Mayors, Shire Presidents, Members of Parliament or other citizens who have made an outstanding contribution to Sutherland Shire."

The naming proposal is consistent with Council's policy and the guidelines for the determination of placenames adopted by the Geographical Names Board.
CONCLUSION
An appropriate case has been put to Council to officially name the reserve "Harris Park." The proposal is consistent with Council's "Naming of Public Facilities" policy and in accordance with the guidelines endorsed by the Geographical Names Board of New South Wales. Community consultation has demonstrated that there is strong support for the proposed name.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
The officer responsible for the preparation of this report is the Park & Reserve Assets Manager, Gwyn Cleeves, who can be contacted on 9710 0473.

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Location of Leonay Street Reserve

This map has been produced with the most current data available to Council as supplied by various sources. INFORMATION IN THIS MAP IS SUBJECT TO COPYRIGHT. Council is not responsible for any inaccuracies in the data provided. Contact Council’s Land Information Unit (ph. 9710 0116) for more information.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The recently competed Cronulla Traffic Study and town centre traffic modelling identified the intersection of Kingsway, Elouera Road and Gerrale Street as an emerging pinch point location.
- Under its Gateway to the South Pinchpoint Program, Roads and Maritime Services has advised that it is in a position to fully fund and deliver improvements to the intersection in the winter of 2018.
- The proposed works will reduce existing delays and queuing during peak periods and are considered necessary to provide additional intersection capacity to cater for existing and future growth in the area.
- There is also opportunity to signalise the intersection of Kingsway and Wilbar Avenue, Cronulla.

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

Subject to community consultation, Council support the Roads and Maritime Services proposals to fully fund the following:

a. Upgrade the traffic signals at the intersection of Kingsway, Elouera Road and Gerrale Street, Cronulla;

b. To provide offset car parking spaces in the public car park adjoining North Cronulla Surf Club to compensate for the loss of car parking at the intersection; and

c. Provide traffic signals at the intersection of Kingsway and Wilbar Avenue, Cronulla.
PURPOSE
The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's support for Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to proceed with upgrading the traffic signals at the intersection of Kingsway, Elouera Road and Gerrale Street, Cronulla and to further consider options for traffic signals at the intersection of Kingsway and Wilbar Avenue, Cronulla.

BACKGROUND
The intersection of Kingsway, Elouera Road and Gerrale Street is a heavily used intersection and often experiences heavy delays, especially during peak summer weekend periods. Extensive queuing is particularly prevalent on the Elouera Road approach.

The recently completed Cronulla Traffic Study and town centre traffic modelling identified this intersection as an emerging pinch point with a deteriorating level of service due to growth internal and external to the town centre. This includes development already approved at Woolooware Bay Town Centre (Sharks) and new housing subdivisions at Greenhills Beach and Shearwater Estates.

RMS has advised Council that it is in a position to fully fund and deliver improvements to the intersection in the winter of 2018. RMS has also indicated potential opportunity to fully fund traffic flow and safety improvements at the intersection of Kingsway and Wilbar Avenue, Cronulla via the installation of traffic signals and road widening in Wilbar Avenue. A plan of the intersection locations is attached as Appendix A.

DISCUSSION
The proposed works will reduce existing delays during peak periods and provide additional intersection capacity to cater for future growth in the area.

Kingsway, Elouera Road and Gerrale Street Intersection
Efficiency gains of between 15-20% can be achieved at the traffic signals through the provision of a dual right turn bay for vehicles turning from Elouera Road into Kingsway (see Appendix 'B')

The preferred option would also include provision of an on road cycle lane in the Elouera Road approach. This is in keeping with Council’s bicycle network plan and the aim of providing alternative transport options that assist in reducing traffic congestion. The inclusion of both features requires widening of the road carriageway and relocation of approximately 20 to 25 of the existing angle parking spaces adjacent Dunningham Park.

Subject to further design investigation it is considered feasible for 15 to 20 of these spaces to be offset through the further extension of the car park adjacent North Cronulla Surf Club into the existing reserve at 37-43 Prince Street (see Appendix C).
Whilst the loss of any parking is regrettable, it is considered justifiable in order to address the existing and future traffic flow problems at the intersection.

**Kingsway and Wilbar Avenue Intersection**

Opportunity exists for RMS to fund and develop options for traffic signals at this intersection which will improve safety and regulate traffic so as to reduce delays for traffic exiting Cronulla. An existing constraint at the intersection has been the location of the large fig tree on the south eastern corner. The tree is identified as an item of local heritage significance under Sutherland Shire LEP 2015. However, given its age and location the tree is showing signs of stress which will be compounded by the proposed traffic signals and impending redevelopment of the adjoining business premises. A preliminary assessment of the tree by a Level 5 qualified arborist concludes that removal of the tree appears appropriate in the circumstances. Removal of the tree would provide opportunity for an optimised signal design.

**CONSULTATION**

RMS will consult with the community as part of the project and final design development.

**BUDGET AND RESOURCES**

The proposed works are intended to be fully funded and delivered by RMS.

**POLICY**

The proposed works form part of the State Government's Gateway to the South Pinch Point Program.

**CONCLUSION**

The proposed works will reduce existing delays and queuing during peak periods and are considered necessary to provide additional intersection capacity to cater for existing and future growth in the area.

Subject to the outcome of a community consultation process, it is considered to be in Council’s best interest to provide RMS with support for the projects.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER**

The officer responsible for the preparation of this Report is the Traffic and Transport Services Manager, Bruce Powe, who can be contacted on 9710 0498.

File Number: 2015/82013
Removal of Existing 5 Parking Spaces

Realignment of Existing Footpath

Potential 21 Parking Spaces
CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

In accordance with Section 10A(1) of Local Government Act 1993, the following matter will be considered in the Closed Session:

INF015A-17 T689/16 CONSTRUCTION OF THE BURNUM BURNUM BOAT RAMP WITH ONRAMP PONTOON AND WETLAND UPGRADE

Section 10A(2)(d)(i) Commercial Information of a Confidential Nature:
This matter is being considered in Closed session as it relates to commercial information the disclosure of which would be likely to prejudice the commercial position of the person, company or tenderer who supplied it. On balance, the public interest in preserving the confidentiality of information provided by persons, companies or tenderers outweighs the public interest in maintaining openness and transparency in council decision-making because the disclosure of this information could reveal information that is commercial in confidence and the release of which could damage the commercial position of the person, company or tenderer who supplied it.