

Business Papers

City Operations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 18 April 2018
5.30pm





Notice of Meeting

To the Lord Mayor and Aldermen

You are invited to attend a City Operations Committee Meeting to be held in Meeting Room 1, Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin, on Wednesday, 18 April 2018, commencing at 5.30pm.

Diana Leeder

DR DIANA LEEDER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

OPEN SECTION

OPERATIONS 04/3

CITY OF DARWIN

CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2018

MEMBERS: Member R Want de Rowe (Chair); The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, K Vatskalis; Member R M Knox; Member E L Young.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Dr D Leeder; Acting General Manager City Operations, Mrs N Nilon; Manager Design, Development & Projects, Mr D Lelekis; Acting Manager Infrastructure Maintenance, Mr N Kleine; Acting Manager Capital Works, Mr N Lewis; Executive Assistant, Ms J Wylie.

Enquiries and/or Apologies:

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OR Phone Meeting Room 1, for Late Apologies - PH: 89300 519

Committee's Responsibilities

THAT effective as of 26 September 2017 Council, pursuant to Section 32 (2)(b) of the Local Government Act, hereby delegates to the City Operations Committee the power to make recommendations to Council and decisions relating to City Operations matters within the approved budget:

- Asset Management
- Building Services
- Capital Works
- Civil Works
- Design
- Development
- Fleet/Workshop
- Operations Administration & Stores
- Parks & Reserves
- Waste Management
- Public lighting

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1. **MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

2. **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
Common No. 2695036
 - 2.1 **Apologies**

 - 2.2 **Leave of Absence Granted**

3. **ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**
Common No. 2221528
 - 3.1 **Electronic Meeting Attendance Granted**

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**
Common No. 2752228
 - 4.1 **Declaration of Interest by Members**

 - 4.2 **Declaration of Interest by Staff**

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S**
Common No. 1955119
 - 5.1 **Confirmation of the Previous City Operations Committee Meeting Minutes**

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous City Operations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 February 2018, tabled by the Chair, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

 - 5.2 **Business Arising**

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6. DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Common No. 1944604

7.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Items:-

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Regulation</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| C17.1.1 | 8(e) | information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential |
| C17.1.2 | 8(e) | information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential |

7.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential

7.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open

8. WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the City Operations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 18 April 2018 be received and considered individually.

OPEN SECTION

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City Operations Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 18 April 2018

9.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)



ENCL: CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE/OPEN
YES

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1.1

**PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED CLOSURE OF WALKWAY
ADJACENT 12 WILMOT STREET, THE NARROWS AND SALE OF LAND**

REPORT No.: 18CO0015 JW:jg **COMMON No.:** 2149707

DATE: 18/04/2018

Presenter: Manager Design Development & Permits, Drosso Lelekis

Approved: Acting General Manager City Operations, Nadine Nilon

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of objections to the proposed closure and sale of the walkway adjacent Lot 4181(12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

5 Effective and Responsible Governance

Outcome

5.5 Responsible financial and asset management

Key Strategies

5.5.1 Manage Council's business based on a sustainable financial and asset management strategy

KEY ISSUES

- Council resolved to approve in principle the closure and sale of the walkway adjacent Lot 4181(12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows, as tabled at the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting held 31 October 2017, subject to conditions.
- A public notice of the intended closure and sale of the road reserve in question was issued on 17 February 2018 in accordance with the Local Government Administration Regulations.
- Three submissions from residents of The Narrows were received in response to the public notice and are discussed within this report.
- Following assessment of the submissions received, it is recommended that Council proceed with the closure of the walkway adjacent Lot 4181(12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows and sale of the land.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0015 JW:jg entitled Public Submissions in Response to Proposed Closure of Walkway Adjacent 12 Wilmot Street and Sale of Land, The Narrows, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council proceed with the closure of the walkway adjacent 12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows and sale of the land as per the conditions set out in Decision No. 22\0124 (31/10/17).
- C. THAT Council write to the objectors to the road closure and land sale thanking them for their submissions and advising that this road closure and sale of land will proceed.

BACKGROUND

At the 2nd Ordinary Council Meeting held 31 October 2017 Council resolved as follows:

Sale of Road Reserve Adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin (12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows

Report No. 17CO0013 JW:jg (25/10/17) Common No. 2149707

- A. *THAT Report Number 17CO0013 JW:jg entitled Sale of Road Reserve Adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin (12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows, be received and noted.*
- B. *THAT Council approve in principle the closure of the walkway adjacent 12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows and the sale of the land subject to compliance with the Local Government (Road Opening and Closing) Regulations and the satisfactory resolution of all issues associated with that compliance and that the sale be subject to:*
 - a. *The owners of 10 Wilmot Street, The Narrows being approached to ascertain if they are also interested in the purchasing the land.*
 - b. *The land being sold to the highest bidder of the two adjacent property owners, if both are interested, with a minimum sale price of \$9,375.00 (excluding GST).*
 - c. *The land being consolidated into the purchaser's Lot after the closure of the road reserve.*
 - d. *An easement being established over the entirety of the land in favour of the City of Darwin.*
 - e. *All costs associated with the sale of the land, including but not limited to, advertising, survey plans, Local Government road closure process, legal and other associated fees be borne by the proponent.*
- C. *THAT the City of Darwin pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to finalise the sale and terms and conditions of the contract of sale and associated road closure in*

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accordance with Report Number 17CO0013 JW:jg entitled Sale of Road Reserve Adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin (12) Wilmot Street, The Narrows.

D. THAT Council approve the affixing of the common seal to all associated documentation for the closure and sale of road reserve adjacent to Lot 4181 Town of Darwin and that all documentation be attested by the signatures of the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.

DECISION NO.22\0124 (31/10/17) CARRIED GENERAL CONSENT

Subsequent to this resolution, the owners of 10 Wilmot Street, The Narrows were approached and afforded the opportunity to express their interest in the purchase of the land prior to a public notice being issued. There was no interest expressed by the owners 10 Wilmot Street, The Narrows in the purchase of the land.

DISCUSSION

As per the requirements of Local Government Administration Regulations, public notice of the intended closure and sale of the road reserve adjacent 12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows was issued on 17 February 2018.



Figure 1 - Location of Walkway

Three submissions opposed to the sale (**Attachment A, B & C**) were received in response to the public notice and the key points of objection are as follows:

1. Not considered surplus and no compelling reason for sale.

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2. The land was originally designed as a laneway for quick pedestrian access through the suburbs.
3. The sale will increase the lot size of 12 Wilmot Street to over 1000m² and allows the zoning to change to MR changing the 'ambience' of the suburb.
4. Concerns over the increased traffic within The Narrows and other impacts an MR development would have.
5. Lot sizes were allotted in equal measurements and it is unfair that a resident has the opportunity to increase their lot size and land value.

These key issues are addressed below.

Functionality of the walkway

The reasons for sale and original design for the walkway the walkway being landlocked and terminating at a boundary to a private allotment to the rear. Therefore it serves no connectivity purposes for pedestrians and bike riders and closing off the laneway will make it no longer accessible to members of the public with any intention of participating in anti-social behaviour.

There is no ability or extend the walkway through to Tsohos Place (as was original intent) and therefore the walkway can no longer function with its original purpose.

The walkway does contain stormwater drainage infrastructure and an easement over the area (which is a condition of sale) will guarantee access to services within this land

Planning Implications

The size of 12 Wilmot Street is currently 964m² and the total area inclusive of the existing walkway land of approximately 122m² would be 1086 m².

Both 12 Wilmot Street and the existing walkway are located within Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential). Subdivision in Zone SD requires a minimum of 800m² per lot created; therefore in order to create two lots a minimum of 1,600m² would be required as per the existing zone.

With the increase in land to becoming over 1000m² in area, this does allow for a Multiple dwelling development with a minimum area of 500m² each to be constructed on the site without rezoning the lot. If this were to occur, it would have negligible impact to the traffic and services in the area.

Rezoning of this property is not considered likely as the Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan, which provides a strategic framework to guide progressive growth and development within the Inner Suburbs of Darwin, does not identify the site (12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows) as being suitable for an increase in density.

All development applications (in the existing SD zone) for the subject site are subject to the same planning requirements regardless of the increase in lot size as a result

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of the sale of the laneway (if supported by Council). There is no guarantee that any SD lot over 1000m² will be allowed to be rezoned MR.

Traffic

Given that it is highly unlikely that 12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows will be rezoned to MR regardless of the potential increase in size, there is not expected to be any traffic impact as the result of the sale of land. However, should there ever be a proposal to rezone this allotment to a higher density (including MR), Council would require that a comprehensive traffic study be provided with any future rezoning application on the impact of any potential development on the road network in the surrounding area (including consideration of all road users-including bike riders and pedestrians).

Summary

As the walkway is no longer functional in terms of its original intended purpose, an easement will allow ongoing access to stormwater infrastructure and the sale has little impact on the potential future development of the lot (in terms of rezoning) and potential impacts on the surrounding road network, it is recommended that closure of road and sale of land proceed.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Town Planner
- Contract Officer

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy No. 010 - Land Acquisition and Disposal provided guidance in relation to the proposed sale of Council land.

“As a general rule, Council (as custodian of public assets) would dispose of all property interests in an open market format to ensure due probity of process and optimal financial return (and minimal risk).

However, Council may undertake an alternative process for the disposal of land where in Council’s opinion, an alternative disposal approach will achieve greater benefits to the ratepayers than could be achieved through a public process and will entertain a direct sale, lease or similar to the exclusion of a public process.”

Policy No.056 – Walkways

“Issues arising from behaviours in and around a walkway will be investigated on a case-by-case basis. Council will work with residents, relevant authorities and other stakeholders to consider appropriate options and determine a response.

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From time to time Council will review its closed walkways to determine the most appropriate long term use of the asset.”

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or resource implications in relation to the objections received.

The valuation of the walkway land was \$9,375 (excluding GST) as of October 2017. All costs associated with any sale of this land (including road closure) would be borne by the proponents.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If Council resolve to continue with the sale of land the applicant will be proceed with the required survey and sales requirements. A letter to the Minister will also be sent advising of the sale of road reserve.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

DROSSO LELEKIS
MANAGER DESIGN
DEVELOPMENT & PERMITS

NADINE NILON
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER
CITY OPERATIONS

For enquiries, please contact Drosso Lelekis on 89300414 or email:
 d.lelekis@darwin.nt.gov.au.

Attachments:

- Attachment A:** Objection received from a resident of the Narrows - 01
- Attachment B:** Objection received from a resident of the Narrows - 02
- Attachment C:** Objection received from an interested party in planning process

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

ROAD CLOSURE Wilmot Street The Narrows NT 0820

Chief Executive Officer

City of Darwin. NT

Attn, Mr Brendan Dowd.

Dear Sir

I am against the sale of this 122m2 piece of land as follows.

a) There is NO compelling reason for this sale by the DCC. I contend it is NOT surplus and therefore should NOT be sold. Council DOES NOT need the \$\$'s.

b) This piece of land 'originally' joined up with Pearson Place off Narrows Road with a laneway between 9 / 11 Wilmot Street and 4 / 5 Pearson Place for quick access for residents and save unnecessary travel around. these laneways and were designed to double as 'future' Planning access for above and underground services.

c) If sold to the 'owner/s' of 12 Wilmot it will also 'increase' the size of this block to over the 1,000m2 'magic size' and therefore changeable to a MR instead of it's current SD (Single Dwelling) site. The Narrows have endured 3 big fights 2 years ago over developments in Narrows Road and Wilmot Street where the Minister in 'his wisdom' and against residents written submissions unilaterally decided to 'alter, amend and approve' two applications. This was one of the reasons given and the cause of some long old time Territorian residents selling up and leaving for interstate. It has changed the ambience of this once 'residential only' SD allotments village to the scourge visited upon Stuart Park and now progressing on Fannie Bay and Parap.

A rhetorical question for the 'future' for the Council to answer. When children turn up eventually, where will they go to school? Will Council then 'sell' our parklands to 'accommodate' new schools. I note here that since self-government in 1978, no new schools have been built to cater and a few schools have now reached their limits. So much for the future and non-brilliant Planning of politicians and their bureaucrat masters.

Further details will be provided if required.

Finally, may I request if and when this matter is discussed in Council that I be advised of the date so that I may attend. I have lost faith in 'Reports' and 'Recommendations' written up by so called 'experts'.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ps. See below. Q. Is the DCC being duded out of rateable land?

----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject:Portion 2722 h/d of Bagot (86 Reichardt Road Winnellie Industrial area.)

Dear Sir / Dear [REDACTED]

Apropos the Application for Direct Sale comments advertised NT News classifieds page 48 Friday 2/2/2018.

I hereby object to the above sale.

On a cursory inspection it is part of a uncompleted road/underground services piece of land that Administratively appears to be another anomaly when this project was signed off to be forgotten and/or mismanaged. It is one to two decades old.

A] It is in the Municipality of Darwin City Council and 'ownership' should reside with the Council. It should not be under any NTG control, and this appears to be another 'oversight' and appears to be not transferred. It is NOT a classified ' main arterial road' and I have observed the DCC employees maintaining Raphael Road in that area in the past, from time to time, because of defective and very poor Civil Engineering design problems with the original construction phase with stormwater run off.

B] This area is part of the Sadroves Crescent / to Benison/Raphael Roads connector section and is the 'missing link' not completed. [This is what happens when design/construct/ and then self certify Contracts are let with NO oversight by any RESPONSIBLE NTG Department.] It has to be properly completed in the public interest otherwise it is condemning for all time future generations to travel further by not having this access road to use.

C] There is something else not quite right here as in the NT News today page 49 there is an application for a Development Application of Section 3115 & 5472 for 'consolidation' to create 2 lots.

Finally, I have to question the ethics of the NTG and their Dept looking after the Public Interest in starting to 'sell off' roads/land below the high water mark/hazadous waste dump sites & underwater sea grass shoal area part way between Darwin and Bathurst Island. They are all part of the Territory Estate and should NOT be 'For Sale' on willy nilly applications for same and this needs to be investigated.

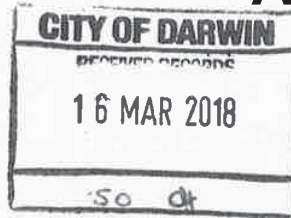
Would you kindly acknowledge this submission and keep me fully informed 'before' any assessment is made and presented for Ministerial approval. I request this in the Public Interest as should any decision is made it is a 'fait accompli' and usually not appealable.

I remain, yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

12 March 2018



Chief Executive Officer
City of Darwin
GPO Box 84
Darwin NT 0801
ATTN: Mr Brendan Dowd

Dear Sir,

I refer to the notice in the NT News dated 2/02/2018, ROAD CLOSURE.

I object to the sale of 122m² of Road Reserve situate between 10 and 12 Wilmot Street, The Narrows.

There is no compelling reason for this sale by the City of Darwin. This parcel of land has been here for at least 50 years so why sell it now? If sold to the 'owners' of 12 Wilmot Street, it will increase the size of this block to over 1000m², and therefore the zoning will be changeable to a MR instead of its current SD site.

I have been a resident of 3 Wilmot Street for 40 years, and over the years have experienced the increasing difficulty of access to and from The Narrows via both the Stuart Highway and Bagot Road.

If the sale goes through, and rezoning of this address allows for multi dwelling construction additional pressure will be placed on this residential area through increased traffic.

All of the blocks of land in Wilmot Street were allotted back in 1966 and land sizes were packaged to be of equal measurement. To sell this parcel of land to one particular owner, would be unfair especially if this owner can see the obvious benefit to themselves, by increasing the size of their holding, and then subsequently rezoning the area to MR.

City of Darwin has a responsibility to all residents of Wilmot Street, and should not be the catalyst in changing the ambience of this 'resident only' SD allotments.

Yours sincerely



[Redacted]

From:
Sent:
To:
Cc:
Subject:

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the laneway between 10-12 Wilmot St The Narrows. This proposal is being dealt with by another department within Council. I have discussed your concerns with Council Officer dealing with this matter and he will reply directly to your concerns. For your reference the officers contact details are below:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



CIVIC CENTRE Harry Chan Avenue
GPO Box 84 Darwin NT 0801
P 08 8930 0404 | F 08 8930 0644
www.darwin.nt.gov.au

Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

[Redacted]

22.3.2018

Begin forwarded message:

[Redacted]

Subject: Proposed Road Closure of lane way between 10 and 12 Wilmot Street in the Narrows.

Date

To:

Bcc:

22.3.2018

Dear

We object to the suggestion that Council close and sell the public walkway between 10 and 12 Wilmot Street leading towards Dwyer Park.

The object would be to privatise the land by selling it to the owner of 12 Wilmot Street.

Thus the public, including those without cars, with children and seniors, would be inconvenienced.

Council could gain a small amount of funds, and the owner of number 12, (Lot 4181) gain a lot more valuable than the rest of Wilmot Street.

We remind Council that the purpose of local government is to manage the land estate in its care for the benefit of the public.

No reason in the advertisement is given to the public to justify such a closure and sale.

Good planning many years ago, was the reason for provision of the walkway, when the area was first designed.

In our age, walkability is a positive in town planning.

The walkway means that people can enjoy local exercise, by walking and cycling. This is now being encouraged for health.

Basic infrastructure is frequently undergrounded in these walkways. Subsequent repair access could be more difficult if the route is privatised.

There is concern from at least one local resident that suggestion could lead to a succession of land banking which could lead to a densification of land zoning, focussed on a new lot in the area over 1000sm. Spot rezoning is not favoured by the NT Government.

Having been approached by local residents, we believe that the walkway should stay open to the public, and not be sold.

Please acknowledge this email, and advise us of Council's decision.



ENCL: CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE/OPEN
NO

AGENDA ITEM: 9.1.2

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSION OF TYRES FROM LANDFILL – APRIL 2018 UPDATE

REPORT No.: 18CO0017 EL:jg

COMMON No.: 3344411

DATE: 18/04/2018

Presenter: Acting Manager Technical Services, Emma Lewis

Approved: Acting General Manager City Operations, Nadine Nilon

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan':-

Goal

3 Environmentally Sustainable City

Outcome

3.1 Council's carbon footprint reduced

Key Strategies

3.1.3 Reduce Council's waste production

KEY ISSUES

- Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility (SBWMF) accepts approximately 1100 tonnes of tyres (equivalent to 137,500 passenger tyres) per annum.
- The landfill disposal fees for unshredded and shredded tyres were increased for 2017/2018 to encourage users to investigate alternative options that avoided landfilling, such as recycling.
- Data collection for 2017/2018 indicates a reduction in the volumes of tyres received following the fee changes, when compared to the same period in 2016/2017.
- The tyre industry and Northern Territory Government (NTG) have also been preparing reports relating to tyre diversion options.
- It is recommended Council engage with the NTG and the tyre industry to undertake a feasibility study following the release of relevant industry reports.

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 SUBJECT: OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSION OF TYRES FROM LANDFILL – APRIL 2018 UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0017 EL:jg entitled Opportunities For Diversion Of Tyres From Landfill – April 2018 Update, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council undertake a Tyre Management Feasibility Study following the release of relevant industry reports and that the findings of the study be presented to Council.

BACKGROUND

At the City Operations Committee meeting held on 25 October 2017, the Committee resolved as follows:

9.1.7 Opportunities for Diversion of Tyres from Landfill – Update *Report No. 17CO0023 NN:tz (25/10/17) Common No. 3344411*

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority-

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0023 NN:tz entitled Opportunities for Diversion of Tyres from Landfill – Update, be received and noted.*
- B. THAT Council continue its engagement with the Northern Territory Government and tyre industry on options for the management of tyres.*
- C. THAT Council undertake a Tyre Management Feasibility Study in February 2018 following the further collection and substantiation of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility data and the release of relevant industry reports.*
- D. THAT a further report is presented to Council in April 2018 outlining the findings of the Tyre Management Feasibility Study.*

DECISION NO. 22/0105

Carried

DISCUSSION

Disposal & Market Trends

As part of the 2017/2018 budget review, Council officers reviewed the current disposal fees for tyres (shredded and whole). As a result, increased fees for tyre disposal at SBWMF have been adopted to encourage recycling and provide improved market pricing for alternatives to be explored further. Increases to tyre disposal fees were as follows:

- from \$268 to \$500 per tonne for whole tyres
- from \$72 to \$250 per tonne for shredded tyres

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This increased tonnage rate for whole tyres is equivalent to \$4 per tyre for passenger tyres and \$8 per tyre for light truck tyres. The increased fees brings SBWMF more in line with other regional councils in the Northern Territory, but still remains below average in comparison to other landfills and transfer stations across Australia.

The disposal of tyres to SBWMF since the introduction of the increased fees has been reviewed. The table below compares the amount of passenger and light truck tyres disposed of since the increase in fees in comparison to the same quarter last year and the total figure last year. The initial data indicates a 50% reduction in overall tyre disposal rates of passenger and light truck tyres when compared to the same period last financial year.

| | 16/17FY | Q1-3 16/17 FY | Q1-3 17/18 FY |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Unshredded Tyres | 458 | 364 | 132 |
| Shredded Tyres | 740 | 573 | 396 |
| TOTAL | 1198 | 937 | 528 |

There was an additional 155 tonnes of heavy truck tyres disposed of in the first quarter that was not included in the above data. This is because the 155 tonnes can be attributed to tyre disposal from a closing mine site and considered an anomaly for the purpose of this report. Even if the heavy truck tyres were included in the data, the overall tyre disposal rate is still less than last year which may be as a result of the increased fees.

As Council received Bronze accreditation through the Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) national accreditation scheme, Council do not dispose of any fleet tyres to SBWMF. Council's waste tyres are managed by tyre retailers that are also accredited under the scheme.

Feasibility Study

In order to determine the most suitable option for tyre management, in respect to Council operations, a feasibility study needs to be undertaken. The study would review several different models, including a Council managed facility and a privately managed facility on Council land, to determine if these are potentially viable options. The study would also need to consider what, if any, markets currently exist and what are the relevant market issues such as distance to markets. This would require the engagement of a specialist consultant, preferably one that has experience in the current end-of-life (EoL) tyre market in Australia. Initial discussions with consultants have indicated that a high-level assessment could be undertaken for a cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Tyre Stewardship Australia, in conjunction with the Victorian Government, have been developing a National Market Strategy for EoL tyres which is due to be released in April 2018. Once published, this report should provide an insight into the current available markets and potential for commercial expansion into this field.

Last year, the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (NT EPA) issued a grant to the Motor Trades Association NT and Reincarnate Consulting, to

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undertake a study into the management of waste tyres in the NT. The study will capture the number of waste tyres generated and the volumes currently being disposed of in landfills, stockpiled, exported or illegally dumped. This report has been finalised and is with the NT EPA for release, however a release date is currently unknown.

In respect to Council undertaking a feasibility study, the information to be provided in the National Market Strategy and NT Waste Tyre study will be very beneficial to inform the current market situation. At the time of the previous report and Council Decision, it was believed that these reports would have been available, however as they have been delayed it is recommended that the feasibility study be undertaken after the release of these two documents. This will ensure that Council can consider the most accurate data and affirm the potential viability of different options. The results of this feasibility study will then be presented to Council to determine a preferred management strategy for waste tyres moving forward.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

In preparing this report, the following External Parties were consulted:

- Tyre Stewardship Australia
- Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

All activities will be undertaken in accordance with Council policies.

The diversion of waste from landfill is consistent with the provisions of *City of Darwin Policy No. 054 - Waste Management* and is a focus of the new Waste Management Strategy currently under development.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Initial discussions with consultants have indicated that a high-level assessment could be undertaken for a cost of \$15,000 to \$20,000. This could be budgeted for within the existing waste consultancy budget.

RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk that the industry reports awaiting release will not contain enough suitable data to inform the feasibility study. However it is still deemed viable to await the release of these reports as any useful information could greatly reduce the cost of undertaking the Council feasibility study.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The diversion of waste tyres from landfill does not only allow for better landfill management but also has positive environmental outcomes as the recycled waste material can be recycled into new products.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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REVIEW OF CITY OF DARWIN POLICY NO. 051 - VERGES

REPORT No.: 18CO0018 NK:jh COMMON No.: 1612461 DATE: 18/04/2018

Presenter: Acting Manager Infrastructure Maintenance, Nik Kleine

Approved: Acting General Manager City Operations, Nadine Nilon

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the reviewed and updated City of Darwin Policy No. 051 – Verges for endorsement to proceed to community consultation.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies as outlined in the ‘Evolving Darwin Towards 2020 Strategic Plan’:-

Goal

2 Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle

Outcome

2.2 A sense of place and community

Key Strategies

2.2.3 Improve the landscaping, streetscape, infrastructure and natural environment

KEY ISSUES

- The current City of Darwin Policy No. 051 – Verges was adopted 23 February 2010 and the policy is now due for review
- The Policy was amended with a minor change on 27 June 2017 to include a reference to artificial grass on Council land (**Attachment A**).
- The proposed new City of Darwin Policy No. 051 – Verges (**Attachment B**) has been significantly changed from the previous policy, as the technical and operational aspects of the policy have been removed and developed into a Verges Guideline which will be managed by staff.
- The policy is in accordance with Council’s Subdivisional Guidelines and relevant Australian Standards.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0018 NK:jh entitled Review of City of Darwin Policy No. 051 - Verges, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council adopt the draft City of Darwin Policy No 051 – Verges being **Attachment B** of Report Number 18CO0018 NK:jh entitled Review of City of Darwin Policy No. 051 - Verges, for community consultation and that a report be presented to Council following consultation.

BACKGROUND

Council's website includes the following statement in regard to policies:

“Policies are a representation of the values that Council will take into consideration during its decision making process. It is the Elected Members role to weigh Council matters and decide upon policies which the council administration will carry through. Policies are in place to fulfil the community's needs and are continually being reviewed and updated.”

Council's Strategic Plan Goal 2 is to create a Vibrant, Flexible and Tropical Lifestyle, which is supported through the outcome of Improving the landscaping, streetscape, infrastructure and natural environment. The Verge Policy is a key aspect of ensuring that this goal is able to be achieved.

Council has a current Verge Policy, **Attachment A** which has been reviewed and the amended policy presented within this report.

DISCUSSION

The City of Darwin Policy No 051 - Verges has been reviewed and updated as provided in **Attachment B** to this report. There have been significant changes to the policy, and as such, there has not been a tracked changes version provided for this review.

The main changes have been around removal of technical and operational details that are included in other Council documents, such as subdivision guidelines and standard drawings.

A guideline document has been created to capture and update the technical and operational information contained in the previous policy. This document provides supporting information for Policy 051 – Verges for the maintenance and development of verges. The document has not been included in this report as it is an operational document, however the consultation that occurs will include aspects of the guidelines to inform its finalisation. The intent is that the Policy provides the policy direction for Council, whilst the guidelines outline the implementation of programs, responsibilities for maintenance and upgrading activities.

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All aspects of the updated draft Policy will be available for Community discussion and feedback prior to the final draft being presented to Council. This approach has been recommended (and is detailed in the following section) to ensure that the Community's expectations of verges is reflected in Council's policy and subsequent guidelines.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation for Policy Number 051 – Verges will be delivered in accordance with City of Darwin Policy No. 025 – Community Engagement at the level of Consult *“Listen to understand and learn from local knowledge and obtain feedback on different options, plans or proposals.”*

The goals of this consultation program will be:

- to present the updated Policy for discussion and feedback,
- to understand the community's views, expectations and concerns in relation to verges.

The consultation period will be four weeks and is anticipated to commence early June. At the end of the consultation, a report will be prepared outlining the outcomes and a final draft of the Policy for Council consideration. The timing of the consultation has the potential to be impacted by the current Cyclone Marcus clean-up of verges, and the consultation plan will be developed to ensure that this is appropriately addressed within the consultation activities.

This report was considered by the Executive Leadership Team on Monday 9 April 2018 and now referred to the City Operations Committee for consideration.

In preparing this report, the following City of Darwin officers were consulted:

- Team Coordinator Park & Reserves
- Manager Climate Change and Environment
- Manager Design, Development and Projects
- Manager Engagement and Participation
- Manager Strategy and Outcomes

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

As part of the review process, City of Darwin Policy No 051 – Verges that was adopted 23 February 2010 will be rescinded and the updated Policy in **Attachment B**, adopted once it is finalised following Community Consultation.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The reviewed Policy will have no impact on current or future budgets or resourcing. The Policy review has been completed within existing operational budgets.

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RISK/LEGAL/LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk with the timing of Cyclone Marcus and the current clean up of verges underway, that consulting on the revised Policy for Verges will receive additional commentary and feedback. This will be managed through the consultation process and may positively increase awareness of the ability of owners to appropriately develop their verges. Any feedback through the consultation process will be considered and reflected in the final Policy as appropriate.

This Policy is also separate to the Trees on Verges Policy which has been reviewed, but won't be finalised until the outcome of the tree assessment following Cyclone Marcus has occurred and been presented to Council.

In line with the City of Darwin Governance Framework, Council reviews all policies at least once per term of Council. The review of this policy ensures that Council is continuing to adhere to good governance practices and the principles outlined in the Governance Framework.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Adoption of the reviewed policy ensures Council continues to support the environmental goals and strategies outlined in the strategic plan.

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

We the Author and Approving Officers declare that we do not have a Conflict of Interest in relation to this matter.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Current City of Darwin Policy No. 051 – Verges
Attachment B: Proposed City of Darwin Policy No. 051 – Verges

ATTACHMENT A

Title: Verges
Policy No: 051
Adopted By: Council
Next Review Date: 23/02/2014
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1 Policy Summary

This policy sets out the obligations and responsibilities of the community and Council in relation to the development and maintenance of verges (nature strips) on Council owned road reserve.

2 Policy Objectives

To establish the respective obligations of the Council and the community in relation to the development and maintenance of verges.

3 Background

Appropriately developed and maintained verges can enhance the environment and streetscape by providing shade, visual appeal and a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

However, the predominant functions of verges are to provide a corridor for safe and convenient access by pedestrians as well as a service corridor for public utilities and Council.

In order to obtain permission to conduct landscaping works it is also a requirement of property owners / residents or developers to contact service providers and utilities to ensure that services and infrastructure (i.e. underground cables, pipes, and drains) are not damaged or interfered with.

4 Policy Statement

Council encourages the development and maintenance of verges in accordance with the following procedures:

The verge is defined to be *the area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary and excludes any paved or formed footpaths and driveways.*

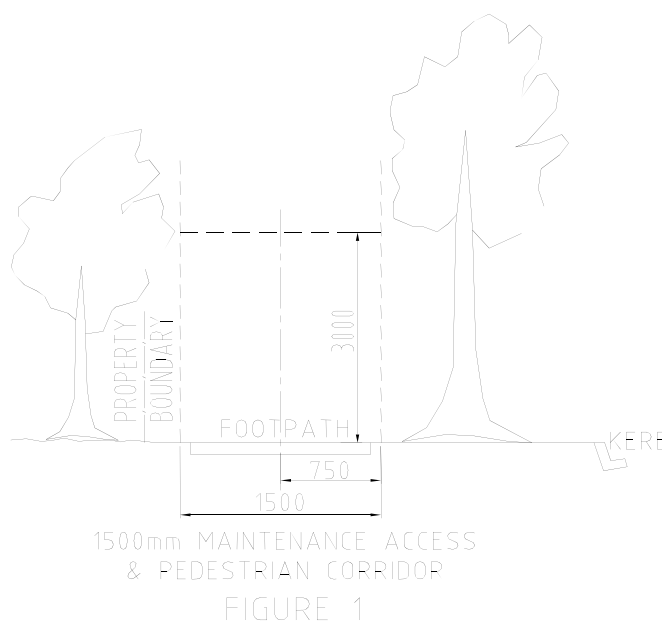
1. Maintenance of Verge

The attention of owners and residents is drawn to City of Darwin By Law 95.

“95. Overhanging trees and shrubs

The Council may, where it considers that a tree, shrub or plant growing on land is causing inconvenience or an obstruction to persons using a public street or footpath or is causing or likely to cause damage to an adjacent public place, serve a notice under by-law 10 on the owner or occupier of the land to trim or remove the tree, shrub, or plant.”

- 1.1 No trees or shrubs from the verge or private property should encroach onto the footpath. Pedestrian access / maintenance corridor must be maintained with a minimum clearance of 1.5m (750 mm either side of the centre line). See Figure 1 below.



- 1.2 All plants and shrubs overhanging footpath areas from private land must be trimmed to a height of 3m above the footpath / maintenance corridor.

- 1.3 Vegetation shall be kept clear of power lines and light poles to a minimum distance of 3 metres. In instances where vegetation is intertwining with or touching powerlines, Power and Water must be notified immediately.

New tree and shrub plantings shall be made with consideration to the location of powerlines, light poles, water hydrants and underground infrastructure (i.e. water pipes, valves, etc) and the expected growth and habit of the trees or shrubs (also see clauses 3.2.3, 3.2.4 and 3.2.5 of this policy).

- 1.4 All trees and shrubs must be trimmed to the back of the kerb line and to a minimum height of 4.5m above the kerb to allow clearance over the road for vehicular access. See Figure 2 below.

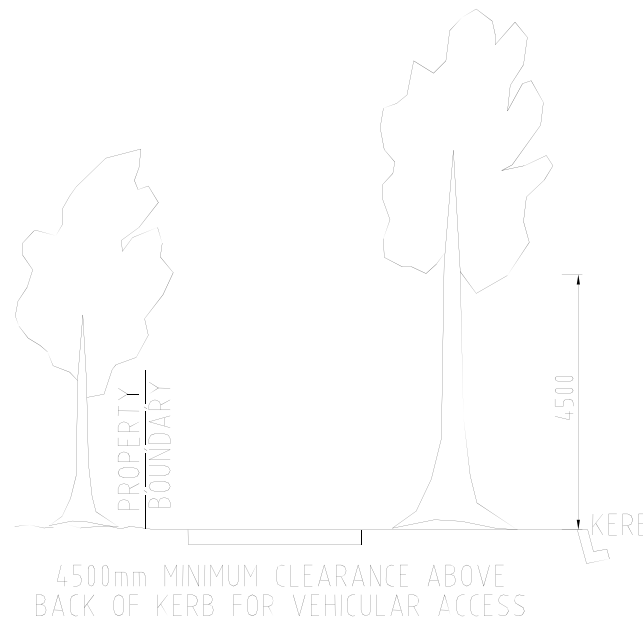


FIGURE 2

Pruning / trimming of a tree shall be done such that it does not compromise the natural structure or health of the tree. The General Manager Infrastructure must be contacted prior to any tree on the verge being pruned.

- 1.5 Pruning of trees on the verge must be done in accordance with Council’s Tree Pruning Procedures and Standard Specification for Nature Strip (Verge) Maintenance Pruning.
- 1.6 When any development of a verge is disturbed or destroyed by the activity of a Service Authority, reinstatement will be subject to negotiation between the Council and the Service Authority in consultation with the owner /resident.

Where a Council activity or operation disturbs or destroys the verge development, Council will endeavour to restore the verge to its original state, provided the original verge development conforms to this Policy.

- 1.7 Regardless of any development of the verge area, Council reserves the right to construct or maintain infrastructure on this part of the road reserve at its discretion, and in doing so may remove if necessary, any existing plants, shrubs, groundcover or decorative features, irrigation systems and without compensation to the owner or resident for such removal or alteration.

2. Development of Verge Areas

- 2.1 An owner may gain a permit under City of Darwin By Law 94 to privately develop the verge area provided the type or form of development does not:

- Prevent any pedestrian from walking safely along the verge area in preference to walking on the roadway, regardless of whether a footpath has been constructed or not.
- Prevent any Service Authority or the Council from installing new services or maintaining existing services.
- Prevent the area from properly draining.
- Inhibit, or potentially inhibit or interfere with adequate street lighting.

The development should also be in accordance with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Information about CPTED and related issues is available at the Northern Territory Government's webpage on Building Safer Communities: www.nt.gov.au/justice/bsc/html/other/territory_tips.shtml .

- 2.2 If an owner wishes to develop the verge area other than grassing, application for a permit must be made on the Verge Development Application form available from the Council Office or at the Council web site: www.darwin.nt.gov.au .

Property Developers may be authorised to install suitable verge landscaping at their cost to an approved plan, but they and potential purchasers of the properties are advised that Council will not maintain the verge once transferred to Council.

A Verge Development application will be assessed in accordance with the level of risk suitability of the development and the safety of the members of the community who will use the verge.

- 2.2.1 Tree / shrub plantings and landscaping should comply with the technical specifications of Council's *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*. Variation from this may be approved by the General Manager Infrastructure

Trees are preferable to shrubs and palms. If there is an existing theme of trees in your street, consider choosing the same species of tree to continue that theme. Consideration should also be given to selecting native / indigenous species of tree and shrubs.

A list of suitable trees and shrubs for planting on verge areas available from Council's website: www.darwin.nt.gov.au

- 2.2.2 Where grassing takes place, the area should be excavated to 100mm and reinstated with topsoil to be no higher than the top of the kerb (and the top of the footpath if one is present) and be free draining.

The excavation for grassing and planting line for trees and shrubs on the verge is determined by the location of services. It is the owner/resident's responsibility to contact the relevant authorities for cable and service locations (i.e. contact Dial Before You Dig on 1100).

The owner/ resident must contact Council and verify that they have contacted the relevant authorities.

It is preferred that planting takes place within 800mm to 1m in from the kerb.

- 2.2.3 In accordance with Council's *Subdivision and Development Guidelines* no trees will be planted within 9m of any intersection. The distance is measured from the point where an extension line of the boundary and the kerb line meet.

In some instances (such as intersections involving major carriage ways) Council may assess that in order to satisfy visibility and public safety requirements that tree plantings or garden beds on street corners beyond 9 metres of an intersection are not permissible.

No trees (or dense, bushy shrubs) shall be planted within:

- 4m either side of driveway
- 5m of either light pole or power pole
- 3m of water hydrant

- 2.2.4 Trees and other plants to be planted under powerlines or under house connection wires must be species which do not grow to a height to obstruct the powerlines (4m or less).

Palms must never be planted under powerlines or within 5m of powerlines.

2.2.5 There are plants that must not be planted on the verge or on the property boundary:

- prickly or thorny plants, e.g. Bougainvillea
- plants with spiked leaves or fronds, e.g. Agave, yucca, cycads
- poisonous plants
- plants carrying large, heavy fruit, e.g. coconuts
- declared weed species

2.2.6 Hedges or similar borders of plants must not form a continuous barrier or pose line of sight issues.

2.2.7 Where an owner/resident wishes to install permanent sprinklers on the verge, the owner/resident must use the water meter from that property, and the water source must be from within the property boundary.

All supply pipes should be placed in a conduit under the footpath. Where a footpath is not present the pipes must be buried under the verge with a minimum cover of 300mm. The sprinkler heads must be the pop up variety or other approved types. High density pipes (i.e. high density polypipe) are to be used and drippers may be used as an alternative to sprinkler heads. The design should be in accordance with the technical specifications for irrigation outlined in the Council's *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*.

Council does not bear any costs associated with irrigation design and instillation.

If Council is notified of leaking water onto the road reserve, Council will attempt to contact the owner to have it repaired. Council will terminate supply at the property line if no remedial action is taken within 24 hours.

2.2.8 Barriers for the purposes of establishing verge areas are acceptable with the issue of a permit for a maximum time of three months. The barrier must be erected with the use of sturdy poles/stakes which are not easily knocked over or removed.

The poles/stakes, rope or string must be identified with an abundance of markers to ensure the safety of pedestrians. The poles/ stakes must be capped and have no sharp edges. Star pickets are not acceptable.

Maintenance access, minimum 1.5m wide, must be maintained.

3. Artificial Grass on Council Land

Council considers the use of artificial grass in a variety of small scale applications, where it can add value and act as an alternative to other traditional hardscape features. The use of the grass should be determined on a case by case basis depending on the merits of the situation, to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer with all permits to include a maintenance clause.

The following are considered to be suitable applications for artificial grass:

- Base of trees surround by hardscape;
- Public spaces as an alternative to pavers or concrete; and
- Roundabouts and medians where irrigation or access isn't feasible.

3. Existing Conditions

- 3.1 Where a breach of the above guidelines is in existence, as a general rule Council will approach the adjacent property owner, and ask for remedial works to be carried out. Where the owner is unable to carry out remedial works, Council will carry out works in a professional manner, and recover costs of the works from the owner (also see Council By Laws 94 and 95).
- 3.2 Where existing trees and shrubs planted on private property near street corners are obstructing visibility, Council will require the adjacent property owner to prune the offending plant so all lower branches to a height of 3m are removed.
- 3.3 Where non-acceptable plant species are planted on the verge, the Council in consultation with the owner/resident will have them removed. The same applies where a plant is interfering (or has the potential to interfere) with maintenance access. If the plants are not removed within a specified period then Council will remove them.

The same applies for trees / shrubs planted in inappropriate locations (i.e. within 3m of a water hydrant).

- 3.4 Where mature coconut palms from private property are involved, Council will approach the owner/resident and ask that unripened fruit be removed on a regular basis, or that the palms be removed and replaced with a suitable species.
- 3.5 Where a verge has long grass and is causing a hazard to pedestrians or a public health issue from pests and vermin, Council will approach the owner/resident and ask that the verge be mowed.

4. Standards

Council's minimum standards for landscaping or beautification of verges are to be in accordance with the specifications set out in Council's *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*.

- 4.1 The guidelines are for minimum standards which produce an aesthetically pleasing effect with the least effort required for ongoing maintenance, care and associated costs.
- 4.2 Verge areas to be either seeded with suitable fresh lawn seed or planted with runners or rolled turf.

Nature strip areas if not grassed are to be kept in a clean and tidy condition, free of weed growth and planted with trees and/or shrubs and/or ground covers in accordance with the *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*.

5. Verges Adjacent Council Owned Or Controlled Properties

- 5.1 Council will maintain in accordance with this policy.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

The verge is defined to be *the area between the back of the kerb (or edge of the road if no kerb exists) and the property boundary and excludes any paved or formed footpaths and driveways.*

Activities relating to developing and maintaining vegetation on a verge are governed by the City of Darwin By Laws 94 and 95.

For new sub-divisions refer City of Darwin *Subdivision and Development Guidelines*.

There are a range of other Council policies associated with the Verge Policy.

6 Implementation and delegation

The General Manager City Operations is responsible for managing implementation of this policy

7 Evaluation and review

This policy should be reviewed once in the term of each Council or more often as required.

VERGES
Policy No. 051

ATTACHMENT B

1 Purpose

This policy provides a framework for verges (nature strips) on Council owned road reserve.

2 Scope

Verges provide a corridor for both utilities, services, and provide a safe and convenient access for pedestrians and other users.

Verges can also incorporate Council infrastructure assets such as constructed footpaths, shared paths, lighting, and driveways. Appropriately developed and maintained verges can enhance the environment and streetscape by providing shade, visual appeal and a habitat for birds and other wildlife.

3 Policy Statement

Council's objective is to provide verges that enable;

- safe access to pedestrians through clear corridors or constructed footpaths
- suitable vehicle access through constructed driveways
- shading and amenity through tree planting and tree maintenance
- accessible service corridors for utilities

Council supports works to improve amenity and provide improved environmental outcomes of verges. This can be done through the installation of turf, irrigation, and other vegetation provided they meet the objectives of Council.

If a property owner wishes to develop the verge area beyond turf, irrigation and minor planting, an application to Council must be made for assessment and approval. The maintenance of verges where amenity works have occurred, including turf and irrigation, and further development, is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

Council's minimum standards for landscaping or beautification of verges are to be in accordance with the specifications set out in Council's Verge Guidelines, and the Subdivision and Development Guidelines.

Nature strip areas, if not grassed, are to be kept in a clean and tidy condition, and free of weed growth by the adjacent property owner.

Council may supply residents with grass seed and top soil on request as per the Nature strip Assistance Program.

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VERGES

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Artificial Grass on Council Land

Council allows the use of artificial grass in a variety of small scale applications, where it can add value and act as an alternative to other traditional hardscape features where soft landscaping is not viable. Approval of artificial grass will be determined on a case by case basis depending on the merits of the situation.

4 Definitions

“Pedestrians” – within this Policy, pedestrians include all legal footpath users

“Verge” – the area from the road surface/kerb to the adjoining property boundary, also known as ‘nature strip’

5 Legislative References

Activities relating to developing and maintaining vegetation on a verge are governed by the City of Darwin By Laws 94 and 95.

6 Procedures / Related Documents

City of Darwin Verge Management Guidelines

City of Darwin Subdivision and Development Guidelines

City of Darwin Policy No. 050 – Trees

City of Darwin Policy No. 048 – Footpaths and Shared Paths

7 Responsibility / Application

The General Manager City Operations is responsible for managing implementation of this policy.

This policy should be reviewed once in the term of each Council or more often as required.

8 Document Control

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9.2 OFFICERS REPORTS (RECEIVE & NOTE)

Nil



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10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

11. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING



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OPERATIONS02/1

City Operations Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 21 February 2018

MINUTES OF THE CITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TWENTY-SECOND COUNCIL HELD IN MEETING ROOM 1, CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE ON WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 5.30PM.

MEMBERS: Member R Want de Rowe (Chair); Member R M Knox; Member E L Young.

OFFICERS: Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr G Rosse; Acting General Manager City Operations, Mr N Kleine; Manager Design, Development & Projects, Mr D Lelekis; Acting Manager Infrastructure Maintenance, Mr K Davidson; Acting Manager Capital W Works, Mr N Lewis; Manager Technical Services, Mrs N Nilon; Executive Assistant, Ms J Wylie.

APOLOGY: The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, K Vatskalis

GUESTS:



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1. MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5.36pm.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Common No. 2695036

2.1 Apologies

(Knox/Young)

THAT the apology from The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor be received.

DECISION NO.22\0419 (21/02/18)

Carried

2.2 Leave of Absence Granted

Nil

3. ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

Common No. 2221528

3.1 Electronic Meeting Attendance Granted

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Common No. 2752228

4.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

4.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

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5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S

Common No. 1955119

5.1 Confirmation of the Previous City Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

(Knox/Young)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve that the minutes of the previous City Operations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 22 November 2018, tabled by the Chair, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.22\0420 (21/02/18)

Carried

5.2 Business Arising

Nil

6. DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Common No. 1944604

7.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items

(Young/Knox)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT pursuant to Section 65(2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the following Items:-

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Regulation</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---|
| C17.2.1 | 8(b) | information about the personal circumstances of a resident or ratepayer |

DECISION NO.22\0421 (21/02/18)

Carried

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8. WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(Knox/Young)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority that all Information Items and Officers Reports to the City Operations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 February 2018 be received and considered individually.

DECISION NO.22\0422 (21/02/18)

Carried

9.1 OFFICERS REPORTS (ACTION REQUIRED)

9.1.1 Security Upgrades to East Point

Report No. 17CO0043 (21/02/18) Common No. 3665059

(Young/Want de Rowe)

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0043 NK:jw entitled Security Upgrades to East Point, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse increased security patrols, as per Option 3, outlined in Report Number 17CO0043 NK:jw entitled Security Upgrades to East Point.
- C. THAT a further investigation of Option 1 and 2 occur, as outlined in Report Number 17CO0043 NK:jw entitled Security Upgrades to East Point and that a further report be prepared for Councils consideration by June 2018, which includes feedback from increased security patrols and consultation options for option 4.

Carried

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9.1.2 Alternative Roads to Recovery Project to Dinah Beach Road Upgrade

Report No. 17CO0031 (21/02/18) Common No. 2827650

(Knox/Young)

THAT it be a recommendation to Council:-

- A. THAT Report Number 17CO0031 PH:jg entitled Alternative Roads to Recovery Project to Dinah Beach Road Upgrade, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the replacement of the Dinah Beach Road, Stuart Park upgrade with the Lakeside Drive, Alawa reconstruction as Council's project for the Roads to Recovery Programme funding available to June 2019.
- C. THAT Council endorse a submission to the Australian Government to amend the project for the use of the remainder of the current 2014/2015 to 2018/2019 Roads to Recovery Programme project funding from the Dinah Beach Road, Stuart Park upgrade project to the Lakeside Drive, Alawa reconstruction project.

Carried

9.1.3 Ross Smith Memorial – Proposed National Heritage Listing

Report No. 18CO0006 (21/02/18) Common No. 3494266

(Young/Knox)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

- A. THAT Report Number 18CO0006 DL:jw entitled Ross Smith Memorial - Proposed National Heritage Listing, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council provide a letter of support to the Northern Territory Government for the National Heritage Listing of the Ross Smith Memorial.

DECISION NO.22\0423 (21/02/18)

Carried

ACTION: Manager Design, Development & Projects

NOTE: Acting General Manager City Operations

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9.2 OFFICERS REPORTS (RECEIVE & NOTE)

9.2.1 Quarter 2 – City Operations Quarterly Performance Report 2017/18

Report No. 18CO0017 (21/02/18) Common No. 1230662

(Young/Knox)

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

THAT the Committee resolve under delegated authority:-

THAT Report Number 18CP0017 VG:je entitled Quarter 2 - City Operations Quarterly Performance Report 2017/18, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.22\0424 (21/02/18) Carried

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil

11. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

(Young/Want de Rowe)

THAT the following Questions by Members be received and noted.

DECISION NO.22\0425 (21/02/18) Carried

11.1 Click and Fix

Common No. 3731148

Member RM Knox queried processes around customer service requests submitted through Click and Fix. The system generates an automated reminder email to the customer after 30 days. Can the process around Click and Fix automated emails to customers be investigated?

The Acting General Manager took the question on notice.

ACTION: ACTING GM CITY OPS

OPEN SECTION

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11.2 Barneson Boulevard / Paving and Recycled Materials

Common No. 2116605

Member RM Knox queried what types of paving will be used in the construction of Barneson Boulevard and surrounding areas and whether recycled materials, for example crushed glass for the footpaths, have been considered?

The Acting General Manager took the question on notice.

ACTION: ACTING GM CITY OPS

11.3 Barneson Boulevard / Parking Lanes

Common No. 2116605

Member Knox queried whether parking lanes have been considered within the current concept design of Barneson Boulevard or if they will be considered post construction.

The Acting General Manager responded and advised that parking lanes are not within the current scope of the project.

11.4 Barneson Boulevard / Green Walls

Common No. 2116605

Member Young queried when Elected Members would be privy to the design and progress of the Barneson Boulevard Green Wall which has been handed over to Council to manage.

The Acting General Manager responded and advised that a report will be tabled at the City Operations Committee in April 2018.

11.5 Vehicles on Green Space / Nightcliff and Rapid Creek Foreshore

Common No. 3364276

Member Knox queried that service vehicles seem to be driving excessively around Nightcliff and Rapid Creek Foreshore, particularly near the shared path and BBQ near Aralia Street.

The Acting General Manager responded and took the question on notice advising that this matter is being investigated.

ACTION: GM CITY OPS

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11.6 Bins around Nightcliff Shopping Village

Common No. 3640720

Member Knox queried whether correspondence to the business owners, tenants and residents in the area has been distributed regarding public bin misuse around Nightcliff Shopping Centre?

The Acting General Manager responded and advised that the correspondence has been distributed and feedback is being collated. We will be conducting a bin audit of the area in the near future.

11.7 Recycle and Resource Centre

Common No. 1991200

Member Knox queried the recent radio segment regarding the management of the Recycle and Resource Centre and questioned what types of recyclables the centre is accepting.

The Acting General Manager responded and advised that the contractor is required to continue to take recyclable materials, such as steel. These processes will continue, however the reduction in acceptance is more focussed on shop items whilst they work to clear stock prior to 30 June. These processes are being monitored and will be modified if required to ensure steel, cardboard and some other core recyclable items continue to be collected and taken by recycling companies.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

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13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Common No. 2695131

(Knox/Young)

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

DECISION NO.22\0426 (21/02/18)

Carried

The meeting moved to the Confidential Section at 6.24pm.

**MEMBER R WANT DE ROWE
(CHAIR) – CITY OPERATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING –
WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY
2018**

Confirmed On: Wednesday, 18 April 2018

Chair: _____