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Mrs Carla Giannakopoulos
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Dear Ms Giannakopoulos,

Coogee Precinct Meeting 17 September 2012

Thank you for the minutes of this meeting of the Coogee Precinct. The Council notes the contents of these minutes and I am able to provide you with the following information in response to resolutions of the meeting.

Resolution 40/12

Council's Integrated Transport is currently consulting with Roads and Maritime Services, and will advise the Precinct as soon as they are ready to present to the Traffic Committee.

Resolution 41/12

The Council is not responsible for, nor manages, the sewer system. The precinct is advised to contact Sydney Water to discuss the issue further.

Resolution 43/12

Council's Policy on the Use of Council Reserves by Commercial Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers was developed to manage an activity where there is a strong commercial demand. The Policy manages how commercial operators use Council reserves to control and minimise impacts on the local community. The Policy does not restrict non commercial groups from using the parks and reserves. The policy has been implemented for a relatively short period and Council have been closely monitoring its effectiveness by talking to operators and obtaining feedback from Council's Rangers. The Policy is formally reviewed every two years to ensure it remains current and relevant.

In reference to the coastal reserves and inland reserves, they have different characteristics. The Policy takes into account these characteristics and provides requirements for each open space area accordingly. For example, the 100m exclusion zone for coastal areas is in place to manage noise impacts. A 100m exclusion zone cannot be designated for inland reserves, therefore noise impacts for inland reserves are managed by designating later start times; 8.30am for any approved activity.



Based on Council's monitoring, feedback and assessment, Council considers the majority of the licensed commercial operators to be operating within the policy guidelines.

Council's Rangers carry out daily patrols in relation to the use of Council's public spaces for Commercial Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers at Coogee.

Council's Rangers have identified a number of exercise groups who train together in Council parks e.g. Grant Reserve. However, after making further enquiries, it appears that these groups may not form part of a commercial business and therefore they are not subject to the requirements of Council's Fitness Groups and Personal Trainers Policy.

At this point, Council's Rangers have not identified that these groups are of a commercial nature, such as an exchange of money, advertising material, business details or logos etc to suggest that the group may be of a commercial/business nature. Council's Rangers will however further monitor these activities and groups.

In relation to the use of Council's structures/assets as exercise apparatus by the fitness groups, relevant Council officers will further consider this matter.

Council's Parking Officers and Rangers routinely patrol the Coogee commercial and residential areas and enforcement action is taken in relation to illegal parking at the time. The officers also respond to specific customer requests as they arise.

Council's Rangers undertake a variety of measures to encourage responsible dog ownership and compliance with the regulations of the Companion Animals Act 1998. These include daily patrols of known areas where dogs are walked (including the coastal walk and beaches), promoting 'reward recognition' of good dog ownership, education through a variety of media avenues e.g. bus stops, facebook, Mayoral column, education brochures - provided by Rangers and Council's Bushcare workers. Council's Rangers will also endeavour to increase their presence in the locations which are identified by the community as requiring additional attention.

Should any request for service be required at a particular time, customers are requested to contact Council's Call Centre on 1300 722 542 during business hours or, for assistance on urgent matters between 6am-8.30am, 5pm -10pm Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday, customers are requested to call Council's after-hours service on 9937 2450.

Resolution 45/12

The precinct's objections regarding DA 488/2012 have been forwarded to Council's Development Assessments for their consideration.

Resolution 46/12

The precinct's objections regarding DA 488/2012 have been forwarded to Council's Development Assessments for their consideration. Council advises that amended plans have been requested from the applicant to address some of the issue raised by the Precinct.

Yours faithfully,

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Amanda Mather
Precinct Coordinator