

RESPONSE REPORT DOVER HEIGHTS

Waverley Council Response Report presented to 24 February 2020 meeting

Date	Motion	Response
11 November 2019	<p>Motion 1 DHP request signs be placed at the Diamond Bay Cliff Walk saying a person died here on XXX date taking a photo on the cliff edge. There is No need for further ranger patrols. Moved Richard Morris Second Robert Harvey Approved</p>	<p>Motion was forwarded to the Director Community Assets and Operations and to the Executive Manager Compliance who have advised that the suggestion outlined in the Motion will be raised with the Coastal Risk Project Control Group (PCG). The next meeting of the PCG is scheduled for mid-March 2020. A response will then be sent to the Dover Heights Precinct.</p>
11 November 2019	<p>Motion 2 DHP requests that shade trees and benches be installed in the area immediately to the south of the playing field in Rodney Reserve. Currently this area is a dead zone due to grass clippings being left there over time. This area is heavily planted to the west and will not block any views but would provide shaded rest area. Hibiscus Tilliaceus would be desirable. Moved - Julie Stark Seconded - Richard Morris Approved</p>	<p>Council receives numerous requests from the community throughout the year which all get assessed and then, pending the outcome of the investigations is included in the list of projects to be considered in future budgets/works.</p> <p>Planting of shade trees in Raleigh Reserve has previously been much debated due to view corridors to the ocean from residents. We will review the request for seating and shade in Raleigh Reserve (adjoining Rodney Reserve) for consideration of assigning a budget in 2020/2021. We can keep the precinct updated as budget planning progresses. Thank you for the ideas.</p>
11 November 2019	<p>Motion 3 DHP request that council remove the grove of African Olive at the southern end of Weonga Reserve where the wire fence begins and heads south. The removal of this grove of African Olive is specified in the Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve Biodiversity Action Plan 2014 – 2020 - see attached copy of the Biodiversity Action Plan 2014 – 2020 Moved – Julie Stark Seconded – Robert Harvey Approved</p>	<p>It must be noted that the Biodiversity Action Plans: Remnant Sites are for the patches of remnant native vegetation within those Reserves. They are not Plans for the whole of the Reserves. The areas of remnant vegetation are clearly mapped within the Biodiversity Action Plans.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Action Plan management action presumably referred to here is: 'Z6 – Staged removal of a grove of African Olive at the northern end of the remnant patch is required, and should be undertaken methodically</p>

over the first 6-18 months of vegetation management works.'

In response:

The motion refers to the southern end of Weonga Reserve, whereas the Biodiversity Action Plan management refers to the northern end of the remnant there (effectively the northern end of the Reserve).

In response to the recommended management action for remnant Z6, some of the African Olives at the northern end of Weonga Reserve have been removed. Not all of them have been removed as the native shrubs here have been repeatedly vandalised, i.e. opposite 30 and 33 Weonga Ave, thus delaying the restoration of this area with native shrubs.

Although an environmental weed, African Olive is habitat for a range of native bird species in a section of the east coast vegetation corridor where little other habitat exists. Native shrubs need to be able to provide at least as much habitat as African Olives before the Olives are removed. It is intended to remove the Olives in the longer term, that is when (i) replacement native species have been planted nearby and have grown to at least the same size as the current African Olives; and (ii) we are confident that vandalism of native species has ceased.

Any weed removals need to be carefully staged, both for habitat considerations and to manage weeds that will grow once the Olives are removed. The weeds that would soon fill the space when woody weeds were removed would be herbaceous and much more difficult and expensive to control, especially given Council's ban on the use of glyphosate. In all likelihood, the influx of new weeds would include *Salpichroa origianifolia* which is growing rampantly just to the south of this area and almost impossible to contain without frequent repeated spraying with herbicide, let alone control.

<p>11 November 2019</p>	<p>Motion 4 DHP again requests that the acacia plants be trimmed on the Dover Road Safety slope which is between Dover Road and the playing field just west of the fence line on the slope. The Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserve Biodiversity Action Plan 2014 – 2020 clearly states that council, “plant native ground cover species and occasional low growing shrubs” The acacia are NOT low growing and should be trimmed or removed. Moved – Robert Harvey Seconded – Richard Morris Approved</p>	<p>It must be noted that the Biodiversity Action Plans: Remnant Sites are for the patches of remnant native vegetation within those Reserves. They are not Plans for the whole of the Reserves. The areas of remnant vegetation are clearly mapped within the Biodiversity Action Plans.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Action Plan actions do not encompass this planting. This is very clear from the maps on page 34 of that Plan.</p> <p>This is another area that has been repeatedly vandalised. Although not within the scope of their contract, bush regeneration contractors did spend some time here in 2019 to help manage some out of control weeds and vandalised trees.</p>
<p>11 November 2019</p>	<p>Motion 5 DHP requests that all exotic non-native shrubs and plants be removed as was specified to be removed in Weonga, Rodney and Raleigh Reserves Biodiversity Action Plan 2014 – 2020 Moved – Julie Stark Seconded – Robert Harvey Approved</p>	<p>It must be noted that the Biodiversity Action Plans: Remnant Sites are for the patches of remnant native vegetation within those Reserves. They are not Plans for the whole of the Reserves. The areas of remnant vegetation are clearly mapped within the Biodiversity Action Plans.</p> <p>Please see page 34 where it states that ‘Areas of native vegetation across the remnant should be targeted and undergo weed treatments affectively creating ‘islands’ of native species amongst the exotic groundcover vegetation.’ This clearly refers to the remnant vegetation, not the whole Reserve.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Action Plans clearly outline a staged action pathway for removal of weeds in and around the remnant vegetation at these Reserves. Nowhere does it say ‘all exotic non-native shrubs and plants to be removed’. Rather it recommends progressive weed removals, firstly targeting noxious and vine weeds from in and around remnants.</p>

		<p>Many, if not most, of the exotic non-native shrubs and plants growing within remnant native vegetation at these Reserves have already been treated at least once. Some, mostly vines, have regrown, and work is continuing to manage these weeds in the remnant areas.</p> <p>It needs to be acknowledged that all remnant vegetation sites are adaptively managed. This includes taking into consideration: the rate of re-occurrence of weeds (this is particularly an issue with vine weeds at this site); secondary weed growth; rate of regeneration of remnant bushland; rate of planted revegetation growth; available budget; climate and rainfall.</p> <p>Any removals need to be carefully staged, both for habitat considerations and to manage weeds that will grow once the weeds are removed. The weeds that would soon fill the space when woody weeds were removed would be herbaceous and much more difficult and expensive to control, especially given Council's ban on the use of glyphosate. In all likelihood, the influx of new weeds would include <i>Salpichroa origianifolia</i> which is growing rampantly just to the south of this area and almost impossible to contain without frequent repeated spraying with herbicide, let alone control.</p>
<p>11 November 2019</p>	<p>Motion 6 DHP request that all dead zones in Rodney and Raleigh reserve be returfed with new grass including the massive dead zone just south of the playing field. Moved – Robert Harvey Seconded – Jenni Michaelson Approved</p>	<p>Council's Senior Project Manager has advised that a project is scheduled to start in Rodney Reserve to repair the landslide on the cliff edge beside the sports field. It is envisaged that the contractor will use this "dead zone" as a site yard. Once the works are complete restoration of the site yard will occur and the area can be returfed. Raleigh Reserve returfing is dependent on budget availability. The works are expected to commence in March -April 2020.</p>

<p>11 November 2019</p>	<p>Motion 7 DHP that the new place based manager responsible for Hunter Ward make sure all dumped items are removed on a weekly basis and all trash removed on a biweekly basis from the Williams Park verge on Military Road between O'Donnell Street and Wallis Parade on the east side of Military Road and between 4 Military Road and 7 O'Donnell Street on the East side of Military Road</p> <p>Moved – Jenni Michaelson Seconded – Julie Stark Approved</p>	<p>Council has two Ward based Public Place Officers. These roles have a range of responsibilities including routine inspections across the LGA. The resolution from DH precinct has service levels that are not in line with the roles. Removal of waste is reported as identified by a range of Council officers and the general public.</p> <p>The Public Place Officers will undertake inspections of Military Rd on a fortnightly basis in the summer months and monthly in the winter months as per their regular regime. Residents are encouraged to report dumped waste and litter through RID online, further information on illegally dumped rubbish can be found on https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste_and_recycling/illegal_dumping.</p>
<p>11 November 2019</p>	<p>Motion 8 As Transport NSW and STA have no objection, DHP requests that council move the bus stops at 246 Military Road to the north into Dudley Page Reserve in line with operational and safety requirements</p> <p>Moved – Richard Morris Seconded – Ron Nothman Approved</p>	<p>The request to move the bus stops at 246 Military Road to the north into Dudley Page Reserve has been assessed by Council on a number of occasions. A proposal to construct bus shelters at 246 and 185 Military Road has also been considered. Both these issues attracted significant resident interest. The bus shelters were to be funded by Transport for NSW and at no cost to Council. The construction of the bus shelters is not programmed to proceed.</p> <p>Motion 8 from the Dover Heights Precinct meeting 11 November 2019 states:</p> <p>“As Transport NSW and STA have no objection, DHP requests that council move the bus stops at 246 Military Road to the north into Dudley Page Reserve in line with operational and safety requirements”</p> <p>Council’s Service Manager, Traffic and Transport, referred the Precinct’s</p>

		<p>Motion to State Transit for advice. STA have replied to Council as follows with their responses in bolded quotes:</p> <p>“Please be advised that STA did not request or agree to any changes to the 2 stops below and I would be asking whoever moved that motion and stated STA agreement to provide document.”</p> <p>The response from STA also included the following statement:</p> <p>“TfNSW Planning also raised the 2 stops relocation with me after receiving correspondent from one of the owners and my advise was STA isn’t supportive of any relocation.”</p> <p>Council can advise that investigation of the location of bus stops has been completed. Further investigation is not required.</p>
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