

**HUNTER WARD  
DOVER HEIGHTS PRECINCT**

**Waverley Council Response Report to Motions from November 2020 Dover Heights Precinct meeting**

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
16 November 2020	<b>Motion 1</b> DHP implores council to perform a peer review of the Rodney Reserve Report as per suggestions of both councillors and residents.	A peer review of the Geotechnical report (2019) has been completed. The findings of this review will be presented to Council in the March 2 Committee Meeting. The advice provided in the peer review concurs with the previous geotechnical report commissioned in 2019 and recommends the fence alignment remain at the top of slope.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
16 November 2020	<b>Motion 2</b> DHP requests that the 1.8 meter high section of the new coastal fence in Rodney Reserve NOT extend beyond the end of the playing field end zone.	This request will be taken into consideration when the final alignment of the coastal fence is completed. The height of the fence will transition from 1.8m to 1.2m as soon as practical to prevent balls being lost over the fencing. We expect the extent of the 1.8m high fence will not be as extensive as it currently is.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
16 November 2020	<b>Motion 3</b> DHP requests that ALL vestiges of old fences including concrete pits, wood and steel be removed when the coastal fence is installed.	Noted, Council will endeavor to remove all remains of the existing fence. There may be an exception in circumstances if the removal or footing might trigger slope instability or a work health safety risk which is not acceptable to Council or the contractor.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
16 November 2020	<b>Motion 4</b> DHP requests that the new coastal fence not be moved to the west into the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves in ANY section so that the alignment would have the result of making reserves smaller in size.	Noted, the fence will be kept as far as reasonably possible to the east. Council would take geotechnical advice regarding the alignment of the fence. Advice to date recommends the fence be located at least 2 meters landward of the crest of the slope which is a similar position to the existing fence.	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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16 November 2020	<p><b>Motion 5</b> DHP residents DO NOT WANT a sports court and or any other structures installed in Rodney Reserve as part of the Open Space &amp; Recreation strategy.</p>	<p>Noted, the Open Space and Recreation Strategy is being updated to take into account community comments, references to sports courts at Rodney Reserve have been deleted. The strategy will seek adoption from Council shortly.</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
16 November 2020	<p><b>Motion 6</b> DHP is extremely disappointed and shocked that council officers are willing to invalidate agreements made with council officers that are no longer working for council DHP has long correspondence with council officers Craig Woods and Paul Sparks about NOT planting more banksia trees in Dover Heights in addition to the letter meant to be sent to residents about new street trees. YET AGAIN. DHP requests that NO further banksia trees be planted in Dover Heights by council.</p>	<p><b>The Executive Manager, Asset Maintenance has previously addressed this issue with the Convenor of the Dover Heights Precinct and a reply has been made available to several Precinct meetings since. There is no further detail to add to previous responses to this motion. The response below is repeated for the Precinct's reference. To assist please see attached the STMP (2008) and the Tree Management Policy as reference and the statistics relating to the planting of trees in the Dover Heights Precinct.</b></p> <p>For all our planting decisions our Tree Officers are guided by the Street Tree Master Plan (STMP 2008), for Dover Heights this divides the area into three planting zones, Frontline Coastal, Coastal Slopes and Exposed Ridgetops (small pocket). A list of preferred tree species for each planting zone is determined based on a 'high performance' approach (survival rate) and biodiversity.</p> <p>The selection of these trees involves assessing planting zone factors like soil depth, coastal exposure and light requirements. A suitable tree list is then compiled for the area/zone. From this list the preferred species is selected for individual sites depending on a more detailed site assessment from our Tree Officers that takes into further account site constraints such as overhead powerlines, width of the nature strip etc. Both the Banksia and Metrosideros are on the preferred species list for Dover Heights as are several other species and every planting location is site specific.</p> <p>Given the people who wrote the letter referred to in the Motion and (previously made available to the Executive Manager) are no longer at Council, our current Tree Officers are unaware of any specific and/or a limited tree planting species agreement for the area, as per the 2014 letter. The only explanation they could reasonably determine for</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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		<p>the letter (supplied by the Precinct Convenor), was it may have been a tree planting for a specific street back in 2014.</p> <p>Furthermore, our urban canopy coverage of street trees has increased over the years due to our Tree Officers working closely to the STMP (2008). Our aim is to continue and maintain the existing level of canopy cover within the Waverley area (which is a deliverable as part of Open Space’s Urban Tree and Canopy Strategy).</p> <p>When we have a location without site constraints like narrow nature strips, potential for future infrastructure damage and no view issues we always plant larger canopy trees in accordance with the STMP preferred species for that zone. In this instance the locally indigenous Coastal Banksia (a larger and broader dome tree) was selected due to the planting area/site location being free of any of the site constraints mentioned.</p> <p>In summary whenever we can plant suitable larger native trees we do. It is of our Tree Officers view that planting the Banksia will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase the urban canopy coverage</li> <li>• promote diversity throughout this zone, which is currently lacking (and which complies with the STMP)</li> </ul>		
16 November 2020	<p><b>Motion 7</b> DHP requests that council immediately action motions passed by full council to remove the acacia trees blocking ocean views in the Dover Road Safety Slope north of Dover Road in Rodney Reserve. DHP further request that the Buddleja at the southern end of Weonga Reserve be removed as per council motions without delay.</p>	<p>Council will arrange the pruning of the Buddleja on the inland side of the fence at the Southern end Weonga Reserve.</p> <p>Infill planting, with coastal heath species in the location of the already removed acacias, will occur in Autumn 2021 once Council’s plant order has been received and the weather is cooler. A staged approach to the removal of the remaining acacias will be undertaken from July 2021- June 2022.</p>	Planning, Environment & Regulatory Services	Action in progress

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16 November 2020	<p><b>Motion 8</b> DHP requests that council workers do a biweekly walk through of the area between 7 O'Donnell Street and 54 Military Road on BOTH sides of the road and remove all litter trash and dumped items. The report meant to come back to council by May 2020 seems to have been lost in translation.</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 <a href="https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste_and_recycling/illegal_dumping">https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste_and_recycling/illegal_dumping</a>. Council also uses the reporting tool "Snap Send Solve", residents can report a range of matters on the app. This can be found in both Apple App Store and Google Play Store.</p> <p>NB It is not clear what Report is being referenced in the Motion, hence unable to comment.</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
16 November 2020	<p><b>Motion 9</b> DHP requests a copy of the review of the 'Civic Pride' Policy/Verge maintenance commitment promised by Oct 2020 which has not yet been published.</p>	<p>This report was deferred for presentation to the March 2021 Council meeting at this stage.</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

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16 November 2020	<p><b>Motion 10</b> DHP requests that fisherman, rock climbers, slack liners and cliff explorers be exempted from any fines at Diamond Bay and Eastern Avenue Reserve and the Dover Heights Coastal Reserve and that rangers be informed of such.</p>	<p>Council enforcement staff have been applying a discretionary approach to enable rock climbers, slackliners and fisherman to access areas at Diamond Bay and Eastern Avenue Reserve. Rangers will not issue infringement notices to this group of people.</p>	<p>Planning, Environment &amp; Regulatory Services</p>	<p>Finalised</p>
	<p><b>Motion 12</b> DHP requests that council or police do an enforcement blitz to stop cars from stopping in the No Stopping Zone at the South East corner of Mitchell and Murriverie Road directly outside Shuk Café.</p>	<p>Parking Enforcement Staff have been asked to undertake additional patrols of the area and take appropriate action against offending vehicles</p>	<p>Planning, Environment &amp; Regulatory Services</p>	<p>Finalised</p>
	<p><b>Motion 13</b> DHP request police enforcement at Dudley Page and Caffyn Reserve to create NO GO zones on NYE. Those that attempt to use these reserves on NYE should be fined.</p>	<p><b>The following Response was sent to the Dover Heights Precinct Convenor in December 2020.</b> Council will fence and close Dudley Page Reserve and Caffyn Park on New Year's Eve. Eastern Suburbs Police Area Command have indicated support for the closure decisions made by National Parks &amp; Wildlife, Woollahra and Waverley.</p> <p>Aside from the addition of fencing the reserve, plans to manage the space remain similar. Dudley Page Reserve and Caffyn Park will have a contingent of security guards that will work closely with Police Area Command on the night to ensure the park remains closed, safe and free of incidents. Caffyn Park will be completely fenced off and Dudley Page will be fenced off in the section of the Park that has a view of the fireworks. Both Parks are alcohol prohibited areas.</p> <p><u>Security</u></p>	<p>Planning, Environment &amp; Regulatory Services</p>	<p>Finalised</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x Security Guards at Caffyn Park from 3pm – 1am</li> <li>- 6 x Security Guards + 1 x Supervisor at Dudley Page from 4pm until 1am</li> <li>- 1 x Council Site Supervisor to coordinate infrastructure install and removal over the course of a few days</li> </ul> <p><u>Infrastructure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fencing installed at Caffyn Park and Dudley Page Reserve 9am Thursday 30 December but to remain open.</li> <li>- Close fencing at Caffyn Park and Dudley Page Reserve Thursday 31 December from 4pm. (Open fencing up at 12:30am – remove on 2 January)</li> <li>- 1 x VMS Board from 22 December – PARK CLOSED – NYE messaging.</li> <li>- 1 x portaloos for security and police on site</li> <li>- 2 x light towers to ensure park can be monitored</li> </ul> <p><u>Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Notification letter informing Dover Heights residents of the park and reserve closure will go out later this week.</li> <li>- VMS and Council Social Media Messaging informing residents that Dudley Page Reserve will be closed on New Year’s Eve</li> <li>- Messaging that ALL beaches and parks will be managed by Council and Police</li> <li>- Coordinate messaging with Police, DPC and TMC</li> </ul>		
		<b>Update on Motions from the August 2020 Precinct meeting</b>		

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31 August 2020	<p><b>Motion 1</b> Considering the over 8 million dollars shortfall in capital spending in Hunter Ward over the previous 5 years (see appendix) DHP requests that council prioritize funding for the project below:</p> <p>a) Implement the previously proposed alignment of the new coastal fence in Rodney Reserve toward the cliff to create unobstructed ocean views</p> <p>b) Use 2205 grade stainless steel in the new coastal fence in Weonga Reserve, Rodney Reserve &amp; Raleigh Reserve</p> <p>c) Implement the previously proposed radio telescope viewing platform at the current location of the radio telescope memorial plaque.</p>	<p><b>Update at 22/2/2021 on items b) &amp; c)</b></p> <p>b) In the 17 of November 2020 Council meeting it was resolved, 'Council notes that a further tender report will provide a cost comparison between 316 with 600 grit polish and 2205 stainless steel for further consideration.' When Council tenders for the coastal fence in Rodney Reserve we will endeavour to get quotes for both specifications of stainless steel. Based on the cost comparison Council will made the decision on the materiality of the fence.</p> <p>c) In the February 2018 Council meeting, it was resolved 'Agrees in principal to the construction of a viewing platform in Rodney Reserve in the vicinity of the site of the Radio Astronomy Memorial subject to appropriate ground testing.' Once the alignment of the coastal fence at Rodney Reserve is resolved and sufficient budget is allocated Council can then implement the fence and viewing platform. Note that budgets for the 2021/2022 financial year are lean and cannot accommodate the fence and viewing platform construction.</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress
31 August 2020	<p><b>Motion 10</b> DHP requests that council repair or remove the cracked and damaged the traffic calming bump between the Southeast and Southwest corner of Blake Street and Military Road.</p>	<p>This request was logged on Merit with customer reference number 2046119 and also forwarded to the Service Manager, Traffic and Transport.</p> <p><b>Update</b> Investigated but not yet started at 22/2/21</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Action in progress

Tables below relate to Motion 6 form the 16 November 2020 Dover Heights Precinct meeting

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<b>Dover Heights Precinct 2020/2021 Financial Year (Ongoing)</b>	
<b>Tree Species</b>	<b>Total Planted</b>
<i>Grevillea 'Coastal Prestige'</i>	11
<i>Metrosideros thomasi</i> (New Zealand Christmas Bush)	9
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> (Tuckeroo)	4
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i> (Bottlebrush)	3
<i>Leptospermum petersonii</i> (Lemon-scented tea tree)	3
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> (Cottonwood)	2
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> (Coast Banksia)	1
<i>Melaleuca decora</i> (White Feather Honey-Myrtle)	1

<b>Dover Heights Precinct 2020 Calendar Year</b>	
<b>Tree Species</b>	<b>Total Planted</b>
<i>Metrosideros thomasi</i> (New Zealand Christmas Bush)	28
<i>Grevillea 'Coastal Prestige'</i>	11
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i> (Bottlebrush)	10
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> (Tuckeroo)	5
<i>Leptospermum petersonii</i> (Lemon-scented tea tree)	3
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> (Coast Banksia)	2
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i> (Cottonwood)	2
<i>Tristaniopsis laurina</i> (Watergum)	2
<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i> (Flowering Gum)	1
<i>Melaleuca decora</i> (White Feather Honey-Myrtle)	1