
Report of the General Manager - 22 November 2016

ITEM 6.6 Open Space Strategy for the former City of Canterbury

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ISSUE

An Open Space Strategy was required for the former City of Canterbury area. The strategy will guide the future use and planning of open space for the city for the next 20 years and will correlate with the former Bankstown Open Space Plan.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. The Open Space Strategy for the former City of Canterbury be placed on Public Exhibition.
2. A further report be submitted to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period to consider any submissions.

BACKGROUND

The City of Canterbury Strategic Recreation Plan Review and Audit 2013 recommended the development of a new open space and recreation plan due to the significant increase in population forecasted for the Canterbury area.

In November 2015 an external consultant was selected to complete this strategy for the City of Canterbury. Consultation occurred in March and April 2016 and the formation of a demand supply and opportunities paper took place, helping to shape the final strategy.

REPORT

An Open Space Strategy has been drafted for the former City of Canterbury. The document is a 20 year strategy which will guide all future open space planning in the former City of Canterbury area. The strategy will guide how open space is used, planned for, obtained and expanded upon through acquisition and will provide direction for the spending of Section 94 Contribution funds for open space.

Work on the strategy started in late 2015, with consultation occurring with the following groups:

- Recreation Advisory Committee on 29 February 2016,
- Environment and Sustainability Committee on 1 March 2016,
- Sporting groups on 6 April 2016,
- Community 7 April 2016

An online survey was also available on Council's website during this time. Links to the website were placed on social media and the community consultation was advertised in local papers on Council's website, Council's social media pages and through letters or emails to local community groups and schools.

In May the City of Canterbury was amalgamated with Bankstown City Council. It was determined that the Open Space Strategy would proceed, however the format and planning principles have been modified to align with the existing Bankstown Open Space Plan where possible and practical. Although the strategies are separate pieces of work, the structure of the Open Space Strategy for the former City of Canterbury will provide the eastern side of the new local government area, the same direction that is already in place for the western side.

It is proposed that the Draft Open Space Strategy is placed on Public Exhibition so that the community can comment on the future direction for open space in the former City of Canterbury area. In due course this again will be considered as part of a combined Canterbury Bankstown Open Space Strategic Plan in the future.

POLICY IMPACT

This recommendation will result in a strategy which will be the basis of a new Council Policy, being the Open Space Strategy for the former City of Canterbury.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no financial impacts.

RECOMMENDATION That -

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ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachments](#)

- A Canterbury Open Space Strategy

NEW CITY OF CANTERBURY BANKSTOWN

**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON 22 NOVEMBER 2016**

Citizens' Centre on 9 and 10 September 2016.

- ITEM 6.6** **OPEN SPACE STRATEGY FOR THE FORMER CITY OF CANTERBURY**
(238) MOVED AND RESOLVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
- That
1. The Open Space Strategy for the former City of Canterbury be placed on Public Exhibition.
 2. A further report be submitted to Council at the conclusion of the exhibition period to consider any submissions.
- ITEM 6.7** **JIM RING RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**
(239) MOVED AND RESOLVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
- That the Jim Ring Reserve Plan of Management 2016 (attachment A) be adopted by Council.
- ITEM 6.8** **PREPARATION OF MASTERPLAN AND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT TO GUIDE THE FUTURE USE OF PARRY PARK, PUNCHBOWL**
(240) MOVED AND RESOLVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
- That
1. Council commence the preparation of a site specific Master Plan for Parry Park, Punchbowl.
 2. Further reports be submitted to Council regarding the matter, as required.
- ITEM 6.9** **EXHIBITION OF MASTER PLAN OPTIONS FOR GOUGH WHITLAM PARK AND WATERWORTH PARK**
(241) MOVED AND RESOLVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
- That
1. Council endorses and places on public exhibition the Master Plan options as outlined in the report for Gough Whitlam Park and Waterworth Park.
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