
MEMORANDUM

TO • All Councillors
FROM • Acting GM
DATE • 1 DECEMBER 2008
FILE • F08/00220
SUBJECT • Callan Park

Council at its meeting on 3 November 2008 considered an item in relation to Callan Park and resolved in part as follows:

C396/08 RESOLVED PARKER/MCKENZIE

That:

1. Council advise the Planning Minister Kristina Keneally and Member for Balmain Verity Firth that Council welcomes the announcement regarding Callan Park.
2. Council seek clarification from the State Government as to the boundaries of the proposal and whom Council should be negotiating with in regard to Callan Park.
3. Council negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Government which would include:
 - a. Council welcoming the announcement regarding Callan Park being handed over to Council.
 - b. a transitional agreement with the State Government for it to continue to have care and management of the site, and to maintain funding levels, until the master planning process has been completed and alternate management arrangements finalised
 - c. a commitment from the State Government to fund the master planning process in full as identified in the Callan Park Funding Submission
 - d. an undertaking from the State Government to provide Council with all previous studies that are relevant to the master planning process
 - e. a commitment from the State Government to fund the site remediation costs identified in the Remediation Action Plan(s) that will be prepared during the course of the master planning process.
 - f. a commitment from the State Government to fund the long term capital upgrade costs, implementation of the master plan and the ongoing maintenance of the site

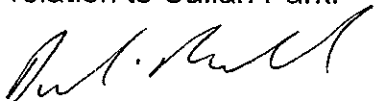
Council has received a response from the Minister – copy attached. Significantly, the Minister's response does not offer any funding for the master planning process, instead stating that Council may apply for a variation to its rates. Further, with the exception of the seawall and the Bay Run, there are no commitments for capital funding to restore or remediate Callan Park.

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In response to Council's request for the State Government to provide Council with all previous studies that are relevant to the master planning process, a total of 14 documents was provided, as follows.

1. SHFA - Callan Park operation guidelines
2. Hassell - Callan Park Land Use Plan Appendix
3. Table of Fire Services Systems.
4. SHFA - Callan Park Financial Summary 07-08 Financial Year
5. Fire Services Maintenance Quote
6. ENSR - Asbestos / Hazardous Materials Management Plan - Selected Buildings
7. SHFA - Transaction by Job July 08 - October 08
8. SHFA - BCA Building and Fire Safety Audit
9. ENSR - Proposal for Limited Scope Contamination Assessment
10. SHFA - Information Clarification Register
11. D.R. King Plumbing - storm water extension
12. Roseville Plumbing - hospital swimming pool
13. SHFA - Callan Park Utilities and Pavement Condition Capacity Report
14. APP - Rozelle Hospital Photographic Records.

Council staff are of the view that the above list is not comprehensive. For example, Item 2 above is only an Appendix to a report (and the actual report is not provided), only minimal contamination information is provided, and there are no heritage assessments. Council staff are currently reviewing the material with a view to submitting a further request to the State Government – accompanied by a more comprehensive and specific list, for additional documents, reports and studies in relation to Callan Park.



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Callan Park

Dear Cr Parker,

Thank you for your correspondence on the 30th of October and 4th of November regarding future arrangements for Callan Park.

The NSW Government's proposed land use plan for Callan Park aimed to restore the site and guarantee community access in a way that was economically sustainable.

I have accepted the community's verdict on the plan, and their desire to see Callan Park's future decided by the local community.

The task now is to develop an alternative and economically sustainable plan that coincides with community wishes, and it is my view that Leichhardt Council is best placed to work with local residents to create the future of Callan Park.

Indeed, Leichhardt Council can now develop innovative and creative opportunities to engage the community in planning for the future of Callan Park.

I note your recent requests for initial funding to begin master planning and site investigation work for the site.

I understand that the NSW Government's offer to Council to take up a lease of Callan Park was unexpected and Council may not have sufficient funding in this year's budget to begin these processes.

- I can assure you that the NSW Government is willing to delay the signing of the lease to allow Council to factor in any additional costs for master planning in its budgetary cycle or apply for a variation to its rate levy for the master planning process.
- I can also take steps now to significantly reduce costs to Leichhardt Council. Much of the work – particularly site investigation and mapping – has already been completed as part of the NSW Government's preparations for the proposed Land Use Plan. I will ensure that Council is furnished with all relevant reports and studies that the



Government currently holds for the site, and I will make available relevant staff to speak with Council at your request.

These measures will allow Council to review the relevant information on the site before entering into lease negotiations with the Government.

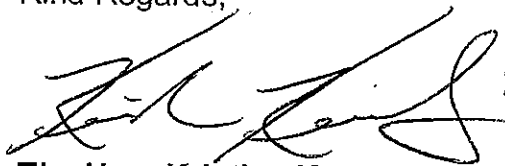
To further assist Council, please let me identify elements of funding for Callan Park that will be met by the NSW Government upfront.

Seawall - As the seawall will remain within the ownership of NSW Maritime, any required repairs would remain the responsibility of the NSW Government.

The Bay Run - The Health Administration Corporation obtained a \$246,000 grant under the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access Program (SHAP) to upgrade the Bay Run through Callan Park. This money is currently being held by the Department of Planning and can be transferred to Council should they wish to undertake the works. The SHAP funding is provided through a dollar for dollar contribution system and as such Council would be required to match the funds provided under the grant if they were to take responsibility for the grant.

I trust this information is of assistance. I anticipate Council will wish to examine the information I have provided here and the material I am forwarding, and that we will then be able to proceed with the next steps toward finalising the lease arrangements.

Kind Regards,



24 NOV 2009

The Hon. Kristina Keneally.