



Ordinary Council

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Late Correspondence

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Subject: **LATE CORRESPONDENCE - COUNCIL - 25 MARCH 2024**
Author: Sue O'Connor, Governance Officer
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Purpose of the Report: To table late correspondence as submitted for consideration by the Mayor and Councillors relevant to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024.
Alignment to Delivery Program: Strategy 11.3: Ensure effective and efficient governance and risk management.

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives and notes the late correspondence and reads late correspondence in conjunction with the relevant Agenda items.

Please find attached late correspondence relating to matters appearing on the Agenda for Council held on 25 March 2024. Correspondence received is listed below:

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Subject: Late correspondence Item 16.1

Hi there,

I would like to recirculate this article I published in October 2019 as late correspondence for tonight's deliberation on item 16.1.

Please kindly advise if there are any resolution or readability issues.

Yours warmly,

Sean

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Wentworth Jewish schools and religious institutions granted \$5.7m



Federal Member for Wentworth, Dave Sharma MP has welcomed the recent announcement of \$5.7 million for Jewish schools and religious institutions to bolster safety and security within the Wentworth community.

The Australian Government has allocated \$41.9 million under Round 4 of the Safer Communities Fund to enhance security at schools, places of religious worship and community organisations which work with children vulnerable to harassment or violence stemming from racial or religious intolerance.

"Ensuring Australians can practice their faith and traditions in peace and safety, without harassment or intimidation, is a core Australian value and one of the most important duties of any government," Mr Sharma said.

The grants will be used to install CCTV cameras, fencing and bollards, lighting, swipe access-controlled entrance and exits as well as train and hire armed security guards.

"The last several months have seen disturbing outbreaks of antisemitism, both here in Went-

worth and bullying incidents in two Melbourne schools."

"The Jewish community is an integral part of what makes the fabric of Australia so strong and rich, and this sort of intolerance has no place in Australia," Mr Sharma said.

The twelve Jewish schools and religious organisations to receive grants in Wentworth are:

- Yeshiva College Bondi \$450,000
- Emanuel Woollahra Preschool \$450,000
- Emanuel School \$450,000
- Moriah College (six locations) \$1,350,000
- Mount Zion War Memorial Kindergarten \$286,230
- Sydney Chevra Kadisha Synagogue \$440,758
- Bondi Mizrahi Synagogue \$450,000
- Adath Yisroel Congregation \$251,890
- Jewish House \$362,725
- BINA Jewish Wisdom \$411,097
- The Central Synagogue \$419,572
- Dover Heights Shule \$403,571

Compare your Council

Local residents can now access comprehensive statistics on the operations of Woollahra Municipal Council.

The NSW Government's Your Council website, launched this week, allows local residents access to comprehensive statistics on the operations of their local council and the profile of their community.

At the click of a button locals can see their council's expenditure on infrastructure and services as well as the number of facilities such as swimming pools, libraries and public halls within their local government area.

There is also an interactive map

where ratepayers can compare their council to others around the State on a range of measures such as rates, expenditure, and infrastructure backlogs.

The website draws on data already collected by the Office of Local Government from NSW councils and other agencies and presents it in an easy to understand and user friendly way.

The Your Council website will also help guide development of a new Performance Measurement Framework with consistent benchmarks for all NSW councils.

It will be updated annually as new data becomes available.
yourcouncil.nsw.gov.au



CARMICHAEL'S COLUMN

Sean Carmichael was elected to Woollahra Council as a Liberal Councillor in 2008, aged 20. Sean chaired Council's Double Bay Woolworths DA approval and he ensured the then-closed Ritz Carlton was reopened as a hotel. Sean writes for LattéLife as a local resident and community advocate.

Too many cooks in Council's kitchen

Woollahra Councillors are up for election in the next 12 months and it is not difficult to imagine the type of themes we might hear about. Some candidates will highlight their green credentials, whilst others will sell their approach to planning and the urban environment.

The sensible ones will include in their individual and party manifestos ways to support local businesses who are struggling through a national retail recession, and also commit to delivering a more efficient use of your hard-earned ratepayer money.

The process can feel cliché at times, and Bill Heslop's old chestnut, "You can't stop progress," is bound to be quipped more than once... As if Muriel's Wedding had been released this year, and not back in 1994.

Regardless, it is still an important time for us to decide the future of our community, and should be treated in earnest. Local councils affect our lives in many more ways than you might realise, so it always pays to choose well at the ballot box.

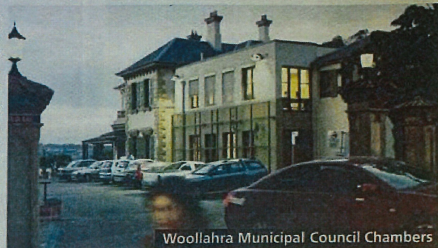
Elections are not only important times for choosing our leaders, but they are the one time councils have every four years to hold referendums on important civic questions of the day, such as whether or not to adjust the number of representatives we elect to public office.

For my two cents, I think this is a really important question that should be in focus. Allow me to explain:

Woollahra has 15 Councillors representing 57,000 people, all within 12 square kilometres. Woollahra also functions much the same way as a corporation does. Councillors are the board members, the Mayor is the Chairman, and the General Manager is the CEO.

Sounds normal, except 15 board members is not a normal size for almost any type of body. Think about your favourite Australian company, charity, community group, school, government board, or organisation. Their boards would have somewhere between five to 12 members, but unlikely any more than 12 - unless extenuating circumstances justified it.

Not only is Woollahra's elected Council much larger than all of those, it is also significantly larger than in equivalent Sydney Councils. Mosman Council



Woollahra Municipal Council Chambers

happily works with just seven representatives. Lane Cove and Canada Bay Councils equally have similar board numbers to Mosman, and all function just fine.

Woollahra did have one extenuating reason for having so many until quite recently, back when Councillors still had the power to approve or refuse development applications. Without this responsibility, it appears

grandstanding. It can really drag out the meeting.

By paring the numbers back to a typical board size, duplicated peacocking is also heavily cut down. Council meetings will then naturally become more meaningful, productive, and indeed enjoyable for its participants.

You could argue that board composition matters more, but good board composition can only go so far. On this occasion, size does matter, too.

The voters themselves would also benefit as locals would be more likely to know who their local Councillors actually are. They would also need to lobby fewer people on important matters, yet still have the benefit of highly localised representation.

A successful referendum held this coming election would not come into force until the term after the next one (2024). Councillors voting to put this question to the people would know that, if successful, they would all still have another full term before returning to office becomes any more challenging.

And what is the preferred new number? I would think that three councillors from the east, three from the centre, and three from the west of the municipality, totalling nine, would be just as useful to voters as the five wards of three Councillors currently is. It would neatly respect that Woollahra is a historic amalgamation of Paddington, Vaucluse and Woollahra Councils. Finally, three wards of three is unlikely to unfairly alter the representative balance on Woollahra from what it is today.

If there is some other extenuating reason to maintain the status quo, I would be happy to hear it. After having carefully observed over the past 15 years, and at one stage where I participated, I am struggling to see what that other extenuating factor might now be.



Election campaigning for 15 Woollahra Councillors in 2017

routine Councillor workload has been cut by a good third, with little emerging to fill that void.

Council should recognise this change by paring back our elected body to a normal board size. Not only will it save money, it would really enhance the quality of debate in Woollahra Council meetings.

Take meeting length for instance. You want meetings to only be as long as is necessary to make a decision. You want Councillors to be genuinely interested in each other's points of view, and to be stimulated by the diversity of ideas on offer.

Long and tiresome meetings are really unhealthy for decision making. Duplicated arguments going late into the night are a chore to listen to, and can mean Councillors begin to switch off. That happens on plenty of issues, because many Councillors will want to virtue a signal or 'peacock' to secure that elusive newspaper quote. The trouble is, they all too often don't bring anything new to the table by

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Hi there,

Apologies, please kindly also staple this to the late correspondence as further furnishing context. They were both written within a month of each other in 2019, and the below provides some wider context to and implications of the problem of too many chefs.

It is now of course 2024.

Many thanks,

Sean

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PROJECT PALAVER: How long is too long?

There's an old adage that things tend to move fairly slowly through local government. It is very true, and it is not always a bad thing.

Take Woolworths Double Bay for instance. When I was a Councillor, I chaired the DA committee approval for this development. This was the third DA in 20 years Council had assessed. The first plan included an eleven storey hotel facing New South Head Road, and I understood that it included demolishing the

Sheaf. Thankfully, the first one never made it off the ground.

The second proposal proved to be uneconomic. Digging into the acidic soil I was told would have literally corroded the shovels as they tried to open up the two storeys of underground parking.

The final proposal was less intense, featuring neither underground parking nor residential flats. The development we have is far more sympathetic to the surrounding area than any other plan, and has contributed to the

revitalisation of the eastern side of Double Bay.

Twenty years. A very long wait, but it was worth it. Flicking through the history books at the Woollahra Local History Centre for a comparable project, the interchange development at Edgecliff similarly took several proposals throughout the 1970s before the final design was settled on and completed.

The success of Edgecliff as an integrated urban development is very iffy by today's standards, and the structure is now looking tired, but the development was certainly ahead of its time. The current building is also leaps and bounds ahead of the monster-sized development as originally envisaged.

Woollahra Council is now rumoured to be contemplating revitalising the whole Edgecliff precinct - including the interchange. At the time of publication, it is not yet known what this will look like. In principle however, this could be a good idea.

A stunning gateway into Sydney's Eastern Suburbs would be magnificent! Anything that eases the traffic pinch-point building up here over coming decades deserves close consideration. Nevertheless I look forward to seeing the first design proposal, and hope the right balance is struck.

The conclusion we take away from history is fairly straightforward though; slow is good when it comes to getting major projects right. Time needs to be

taken to both persuade and also carefully listen to the community about the prospect of change. Council needs to respond and re-shape projects as is necessary to deliver economic growth and social improvement, and to protect

begin planning for a new site without risk of the old one reopening.

It is getting towards the end of 2019 - 15 years later. The town centre is struggling through a national retail recession, claiming the famous Cosmopolitan Café. Add into that the advent of UberEats hurting some local restaurants' margins.

It is baffling that the new mixed Cross Street cinema/car park redevelopment proposal looks like it's being kicked into the horizon yet again. Neither home delivery nor shopping malls can ultimately compete with

a high-end night out on the town. We are robbing ourselves of enormous regional prestige by handcuffing Double Bay's potential like this.

Speaking of car parks, in 2012 I moved a motion for an open air car park in Wilberforce Avenue, Rose Bay to be converted into a multi-storey car park with public toilets and a community centre. Plans have progressed, but have not yet left the drawing board. Another time delay blowout...

Not every project will succeed at the end of planning and consultation, and nor should every project. Whilst I don't class it as a major project, the Rushcutters Bay Skate Park is one that really should be terminated. After several good goes, Council just does not seem to be able to make it work in this park. Time to leave it alone and move on.

Any number of us could point to a series of medium-sized projects that are taking too long to be finalised. These are merely my own bugbears. The pace needs to be so much quicker than it is, and history reveals we should both know and indeed be doing better.

Prudence is important; but a healthy dose of municipal energy, courage, and vigour is also needed.



Before and after development in Edgecliff

the wonderful character of our area. Sometimes it must even cancel them altogether if one is not going to work.

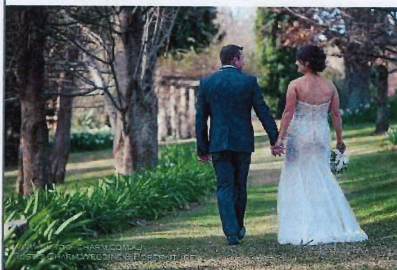
But when is slow just too slow to get to project absolution? When the answer is clearly in front of us, and we choose not to act, then it is fair to say we have arrived at this point.

For instance, it is almost criminal that 'plan Double Bay' is not yet finished. A luxury hotel has reopened and Woolworths is now rebuilt, but where on earth is the planned Arthouse cinema?

For a bit more history here, the previous twin cinema on New South Head Road closed in 2004 after Westfield Bondi Junction opened. Read into the link as you will.

Eventually plans for the old twin cinema site redevelopment were submitted and approved in 2012, which allowed Council to

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Dear Records, Craig and Councillors

Attached on behalf of the Paddington Society and the entire Paddington community is the Society's submission re Item 16.1 - Notice of Motion for tomorrow's full Council meeting.

We are extremely concerned at the implications of the reduction in the number of Councillors from 15 to 9 as proposed for Council's consideration, accompanied by the likely (seemingly inevitable) outcome that the 5 present Wards in the LGA would be reduced to 3.

Such a major reduction cannot reconciled with the idea that any cost savings related to Councillor stipends and/or expenditure would be balanced by the additional enormous administrative and staff costs of such a dramatic change.

We trust that the majority of Councillors will not support this NOM.

It is definitely not in the public interest.

Yours sincerely

Esther Hayter
President, The Paddington Society
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For Community and Heritage
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The General Manager
Woollahra Municipal Council
PO Box 61, Double Bay NSW 1360

24 March 2024

Dear Records, General Manager and Councillors

Late Correspondence – Item 16.1 Notice of Motion: Reduction in the Number of Councillors

On behalf of the members of the Paddington Society and the entire Paddington Community we record our very great concern regarding the above Notice of Motion (NOM) Item 16.1.

We believe that reducing the number of Councillors in this LGA from the present 15 to 9 would directly contravene the objectives most prominently set out in the current Community Participation Plan, adopted after extensive consultation with the Community.

The Society records our great concern that:

- Part ii of the NOM foreshadows "... the likely subsequent reduction in the number of wards and the processes involved in reducing the number of wards."
- It is our understanding that each ward should be represented by 3 Councillors, therefore the present 5 wards would be *far more than likely* - ie. would *inevitably* - be reduced to 3 wards.
- Another more ominous outcome could be that our ward system could be abolished altogether.
- Either possibility would be the most dramatic change to the composition of the LGA in decades.
- It is almost impossible to believe that Part iii of the NOM could achieve *any* "... potential cost and any resource savings that may result..." from such a considerable change in ward numbers.
- The enormous administrative costs in re-documenting / re-mapping etc for the whole LGA must inevitably *far* outweigh any cost savings related to Councillor stipends and/or expenditure.
- Councillors representing our current 5 wards are best placed to respond to the needs of the very diverse physical, built form, density and environmental context in each part of this LGA.
- Paddington, Edgecliff and parts of Woollahra have entirely different built form, density, green space, canopy cover, environment, transport, traffic etc from suburbs further to north and east.
- Comparing our LGA with other Councils, many of which were amalgamated, to their detriment and on-going regret, is not meaningful, for all the same reasons.
- Reduction in the number of Councillors - and therefore the inevitable number of wards - will greatly reduce effective Councillor representation, community participation and engagement.
- It is likely to impose far more cost in staff time, administration and resource expenditure to the overall WMC budget than is implied by the wording of the NOM and Background notes.
- The Society trusts that the majority of Councillors will **not** support such an inequitable NOM.

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CONCLUSION:

- This proposal appears to be a diminution of meaningful Council engagement with the community, despite the community consultations that Council carried out in recent years.
- It contradicts key objectives Council's Community Engagement Strategy and the Community Engagement Policy and Community Participation Plan.
- If the implications of this NOM are supported, it will definitely not be in the public interest.
- On behalf of our members, the overall Paddington community and the many communities in our LGA, we trust that Councillors will not support proceeding as set out in the NOM.

Yours faithfully



Esther Hayter President The Paddington Society



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Dear Records, Craig and Councillors,

The Darling Point Society is extremely concerned with Item 16.1 - Notice of Motion for tomorrow's full Council meeting.

On a rough estimate, the cost savings of \$21,000pa+Super+Workers Compensation for 6 Councillors amounts to approximately \$155,000pa. Which in the context of WMC annual budget of \$100 million represents a saving of 0.1%. A saving that could more easily be made in other areas.

On the other hand, any analysis of voting based on the last local government elections suggests the changes would most likely result in the elimination of all independent and minor party representation in Council (the only opposition in WMC.) We believe such a situation is not in the interest of good governance.

This proposal is not in the public interest and we trust that the majority of Councillors will not support this NOM.

Cheers
Robert

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Double Bay Residents' Association

Protecting Sydney's Stylish Bayside Village

Monday 25th March 2024

The General Manager
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PO Box 61
Double Bay 1360

Dear Sir,

Re: Late Correspondence - Item 16.1 Notice of Motion: Reduction in the Number of Councillors.

On behalf of the Double Bay Residents' Association we wish to praise our hard working 15 Councillors who work tirelessly on behalf of our Municipality.

Whilst we have differing views on some issues the reality is that Woollahra is well served by our elected and committed representatives.

We believe that a reduction in the number of Councillors would be a retrograde step that is contrary to community interest.

Effective representation of and communication with the LGA community is vital both for maintaining good governance and transparency, particularly in the face of ever increasing change and complexity of issues to be dealt with in every

corner of our municipality.

A vote on this Notice of Motion should be deferred until after a brief internal review and cost benefit analysis is undertaken.

Will the cost of undertaking full community consultation, the drain on staff time and the distractions of internal meetings and reporting be too much of a burden on the staff at this time.

Councillors are the Council's governing body. They are a bridge between the community and the Council. They represent their ward and the people who live in it.

According to the Local Government Councillor Handbook their function is "*providing policy framework, setting strategy, monitoring performance and allocating resources.*"

How can Councillors perform their function effectively if their numbers are cut?

How will Committees function with reduced numbers and skill sets? The role of Committees should not be underestimated.

How expensive will be the redrawing of Wards and amalgamation of existing Ward boundaries on the Council finances?

How stretched will be the bandwidth of a reduced number of Councillors with the pressure of an increasing population and imposition of State Government plans to upend the planning regime?

Surely stable local government is worth preserving.

Yours faithfully,

Anthony Tregoning
President

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Subject: Notice of Motion 16.1 reduction in number of Councillors

Dear Records and Councillors

I strongly oppose the Move, introduced without any attempt to first engage the community, to reduce the number of Councillors.

I believe that any cost benefits from this proposal would be extremely modest and would be far outweighed by a reduction in the voice of the community, thus being most undemocratic.

I urge that this proposal be deferred pending proper community consultation. Not a single Edgecliff Resident I have spoken to had heard of it. We feel we are being mugged.

Yours sincerely

Tony Bond

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Best regards,
David

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Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:24 AM
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