

Councillor KNAPP: Madam Chair, the Hawthorne AFL, came to us and said that their car park had been damaged due to the fact that it was being used for other things while - this is the story.

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor KNAPP: As part of the flood recovery—

Deputy Chairman: Order.

Councillor KNAPP: —Madam Chair, she knows full well that that money is being spent out of flood recovery in the same way that in Councillor JOHNSTON's ward the netball courts were inadvertently damaged by rubbish being put there. Because it was the only spot.

Now, whether they were flooded or they were damaged due to flood events, they are being restored. Councillor SUTTON put in a submission on behalf of the Hawthorne AFL football club to actually do that.

So for her to say that money is not being spent by this administration is absolutely deceptive and disgraceful, Madam Chair. We also this year, and nobody recognised it, we put \$3 million - the LORD MAYOR recognised that our access inclusion plan needed some money behind it. So there is \$3 million for money to be spent on various parts of Council to implement the recommendations of the access and inclusion plan, some of which is about better footpaths, which is about better bus stops maintenance, about an amazing number of things that all the departments have put into.

It's not just for this year but it shows in the forwards. Of course, Madam Chair, we are restoring City Hall. Look, I don't care what they say about the fact that we're spending the money. If we don't get anyone giving us some money we've still got to restore it.

Can I tell you, the community out there agree with us. They want us to spend \$215 million restoring City Hall. But we've managed to lever, through Program Five, all of the things that needed to be spent.

Madam Chair, I make no apology, and I said in my speech during the debate, I make no apology that there have been some cuts to some of the sports fields we have for this year, because it all went on sports facilities.

So I don't want to hear any more. I'm fed up with it. In fact, my residents know that for \$40 a week that you pay in your rates you get terrific value. Where else for \$40 a week can you live in a city as good as ours and get all the things that we do. So people should get over it. I'm up to here with everyone about whingeing and whining about what's been spent.

Madam Chair, Labor councillors continue to perpetrate a myth, and it's not residents that do it, they do it. They keep repeating the mantra. So shame on you.

So, Madam Chair, stop whingeing—

*Councillor interjecting.*

Councillor KNAPP: Yes, absolutely, thanks.

So, Madam Chair, to the report. The petitions in relation to the businesses and the enforcement of Council's regulation and guidelines, particularly around during the parade. Councillor SIMMONDS has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Now, Souths Junior Cricket Club have put in a petition in relation to the extension of the junior fields, which is from the - and there's a field in the RSPCA. Madam Chair, we think it's a terrific idea. I know that Councillor JOHNSTON thinks it's a terrific idea.

So we are proposing to write to the Queensland State Government with an expression of interest to obtain that land as sports land. I'm hopeful that the state government will agree, because as you know, Madam Acting Chair, we have a dearth of sports fields in the city. We're reaching the stage where, except for down in the southern regions and some of the newer fields that will be created, there is no more land for sporting fields, and that every school oval virtually in Brisbane is being used on a Saturday by sporting groups that are growing.

I know in my ward, Valley Cricket is the largest thing. Madam Chair, happy to sit down.

Deputy Chairman:

Thank you. Further debate? Councillor JOHNSTON.

Councillor JOHNSTON:

Yes, just briefly on Item B. I'll give some credit to Councillor KNAPP and perhaps if she could talk to her colleague, Councillor de WIT, about accurately recording people's comments in response to petitions, because this is a very good initiative.

The Souths Junior Cricket Club currently use the Ron Porter Oval, which is also a recreational space for the Yeronga community. That parkland is situated immediately adjacent to the RSPCA site at Fairfield. As we know this year, the RSPCA is moving out to a permanent home at Wacol, and the state government will have some decisions ahead as to what it will do with that block of land.

It is I think important that the state government recognises that land should not be developed. It flooded extremely badly in January. It should be kept as open as possible, and the extension of the land for a further cricket field for the junior cricket, which is smaller than senior cricket sides, would be a good outcome because it would involve minimal, if any, changes to the land itself. I think that would be a good outcome.

It is a corridor that floods even in local rain, and we do need to keep it clear. So a sporting field would certainly be an excellent use of this site.

I think that the letter probably could have been worded a little bit more strongly by Council. But I certainly look forward to the outcome of discussion between the state and Council as to the future use of this site.

I understand in discussion with the state member in that area that he's supportive of this as a course of action as well. So I certainly look forward to him using his influence to achieve a good outcome here for the cricket club.

I would certainly like to clarify that I believe that this should go to the Souths Junior Cricket Club. I know that there will be possibly some sort of competition for use of the facilities and there may be complementary uses. But I think, given the hard work of the South Juniors, that this would be a very good place to extend their facilities.

So I certainly do support the application before us. My comments are certainly very accurately recorded in this submission and I would urge all councillors to vote for this.

Deputy Chairman:

Further debate? Councillor—

Councillor KNAPP:

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm delighted that we've managed to please Councillor JOHNSTON for a change.

The only proviso in respect to this is that (a) the field requires an amount of remediation. As Councillor JOHNSTON said, it does flood so therefore if we took it over we would be looking at spending close to \$300,000 to upgrade the field and do the various things that make it so that it is playable for the juniors.

Also, under the conditions of leasing it would have to go out for expressions of interest. But given the approximate closeness of the juniors to that field it would probably be almost likely that there would be consideration given to them in respect to it.

Madam Chair, I think that the state will look favourably on it and we are pretty much pushing the state to actually give us the land and I'm hopeful that there will be a terrific outcome, particularly for junior cricket, which is growing enormously. As I was about to say, Valley's junior cricket club is the largest junior cricket club in the southern hemisphere and has close to 800 children, including my grandson who plays for Valley Cricket - junior. Not well, but he has a terrific time, as do all the little boys and girls that do.

Madam Chair, I think that it's important that junior sport flourishes under this administration. So I will be very happy to take the claims for the junior cricket club. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Deputy Chairman: I will now put the Brisbane Lifestyle Committee decisions report.

As there was no further debate, the Deputy Chairman submitted the motion to the Chamber, resulting in its being declared **carried** on the voices.

The report read as follows—

**A PETITION—WALTER TAYLOR WARD RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES CONCERNS REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF COUNCIL REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES**  
**CA11/96085**

1. A petition from residents and business owners expressing concerns regarding the enforcement of Council regulations and guidelines, was presented to Council at its meeting of 3 May 2011, by Councillor Julian Simmonds, Councillor for Walter Taylor Ward, and received.
2. The Acting Divisional Manager, Brisbane Lifestyle Division, provided the information below.
3. The petition was signed by 62 signatories.
4. The petition requested that Council take steps to:
  - regularly and consistently enforce the current parking restrictions on Marmion Parade, Taringa
  - implement and consistently enforce additional parking restrictions on Marmion Parade and Frederick Street, Taringa, to allow residents and their visitors greater access to their own properties
  - require that Centenary Motors provide adequate staff car parking, as per the town planning scheme
  - require that Centenary Motors provide car carriers with access to their loading bay, as per the intentions of the site's development approval
  - require that Centenary Motors discontinue using Harrys Road, Taringa, as a car park, as their development application to do so was rejected by Council
  - require that Centenary Motors discontinue using the road reserve as a car park, since they have no authority to do so.
5. Officers from Council's Compliance and Regulatory Services branch (CARS), conduct regular patrols of this precinct, as part of West Region's parking hot spot enforcement. There are a minimum of three patrols conducted on a weekly basis. It is noted that parking