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**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 complaints from concerned residents are logged directly with CARS West Region and additionally through the Walter Taylor Ward office. All requests are attended to in accordance with the associated priority given to requests that relate to public health and safety. The Walter Taylor Ward office is kept informed of any emerging issues and current enforcement practices.
6. From 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011, CARS officers have responded to two parking complaints in Fredrick Street, nine parking complaints in Harrys Road, and 18 parking complaints in Marmion Parade.
7. A total of 185 infringements have been issued in Frederick Street, Harrys Road and Marmion Parade between 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011. The table below provides a breakdown of the number of infringement notices issued during this period.

| | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 | Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | Jan-11 | Feb-11 | Mar-11 | Apr-11 | May-11 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Frederick Street | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Harrys Road | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 8 |
| Marmion Parade | 24 | 15 | 11 | 15 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 2 | 7 |

8. A request has been made to Council's Transport Planning and Strategy's Road Use Management section for advice. Mr David Millward, Team Leader, Road Network North, has advised that Councillor Simmonds will be consulted as the initial stage of the process.
9. It has been confirmed that Centenary Motors provide adequate staff car parking, as per the town planning scheme, but the development approval does not require it to be used for its intended purpose.
10. The development approval for the Centenary Motors site does designate a loading bay, but it does not require it to be used for its intended purpose.
11. A show cause notice was previously issued to Centenary Motors in July 2009 regarding the parking of vehicles in Harrys Road, Taringa. At this time, it was found that the tenants of the subject properties were employees of Centenary Motors who claimed that the vehicles were their vehicles or assigned work vehicles. This did not constitute a breach of any development condition. Council officers have now re-inspected these properties and identified a number of vehicles parked on both properties. This matter will now be further investigated.
12. Mr Craig Pillay, Team Leader, Community and Environment Regulation, contacted Centenary Motors and requested compliance with regards to the illegal parking of vehicles on footpaths in the precinct. Centenary Motors have now ceased parking vehicles on the footpath area. Any future breaches of this nature will be addressed through regular weekly patrols conducted by CARS officers.
13. Centenary Motors is willing to host a meeting with concerned residents in an attempt to address the concerns raised. Centenary Motors further advised that part of the dealership's operations will be relocating to a site in Yeerongpilly by late July/early August 2011. This relocation will reduce the number of vehicles stored on site by approximately 40 to 50 vehicles.

Consultation

14. Councillor Julian Simmonds, Councillor for Walter Taylor Ward, has been consulted and supports the recommendation.

Customer impact

15. The head petitioner has been contacted and advised of Council's investigation into the matter.
16. Accordingly, the Acting Divisional Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed at its meeting of 18 July 2011.
17. **DECISION:**

THAT THE PETITIONERS BE ADVISED OF THE RELEVANT INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT AS PER THE DRAFT RESPONSE BELOW.

Draft response

Thank you for your recent petition from Walter Taylor Ward residents and businesses about the enforcement of Council's regulations and guidelines, in particular Council parking restrictions.

Mr Mark Pierce, Acting Regional Manager West, Compliance and Regulatory Services branch, has been in contact with you to discuss the issues in the petition and advised you of the investigation that Council has carried out.

Mr Pierce advised you that Council officers conduct a minimum of three parking patrols of the Marmion Parade and Fredrick Street precinct every week. In addition, Council officers respond to parking complaints from residents that are received by Council and through the Walter Taylor Ward office. I can advise that from 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011 Council responded to two parking complaints in Fredrick Street, nine parking complaints in Harrys Road, and 18 parking complaints in Marmion Parade. In addition, officers have issued 185 parking infringement notices over this period.

Council's Road Use Management section has now been requested to investigate the parking arrangements on Marmion Parade and Fredrick Street to determine if additional parking restrictions are required.

Centenary Motors do provide the required amount of staff car parking, as per the town planning scheme, but the development approval for the site does not state that this area on the site must be used for this purpose. Furthermore, the development approval for the site also designates a loading bay, but does not require for it to be used for this purpose.

The issue regarding the parking of vehicles at 16 and 20 Harrys Road is currently being investigated and you have advised Mr Pierce that you will organise for further information to be obtained from nearby residents to assist with this investigation.

As Mr Pierce advised, Council has contacted Centenary Motors in regards to the illegal parking of vehicles on footpaths in the precinct. Centenary Motors has now ceased parking vehicles on the footpath area.

Mr Pierce also told you that Centenary Motors is willing to host a meeting with concerned residents in an attempt to address the issues that have been raised. A Council officer will be in contact with you to regarding this matter.

Mr Pierce will keep in contact to update you with the progress of this matter. In the meantime, if you have any further concerns please contact Mr Pierce on 3403 8888.

**B PETITION – SOUTHS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB LAND CURRENTLY
OCCUPIED AT VENNER ROAD, YERONGA
CA11/71737**

18. A petition from South Brisbane District Junior Cricket Club Inc (the Club), requesting that Council apply to the Queensland Government to convert part of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) facility in Venner Road, Yeronga, into a Council park and junior cricket field and grant a lease to the Souths Junior Cricket Club for use of the junior cricket field was presented by Councillor Steve Griffiths, on behalf of Councillor Nicole Johnston, Councillor for Tennyson Ward, to Council at its meeting of 29 March 2011, and received.
19. The Divisional Manager, Brisbane Lifestyle Division, provided the information below.
20. The petition was signed by 65 signatories.
21. The petitioners also advised that there is a shortage of junior cricket fields in the area and the cricket field on the Ron Porter Oval is only big enough to accommodate Under 8 and Under 10 cricket matches. The expansion would greatly increase the useable capacity of the oval by

allowing cricket matches up to and including the Under 16 age group. At the same time, the cricket pitch can be realigned to be north-south facing to allow afternoon games.

22. The Ron Porter Oval is situated in Hyde Road Park, an informal park south of Venner Road, Yeronga. The Club uses the oval on the basis of a seasonal licence.
23. The expanded Ron Porter Oval would further enhance the existing southern district cricket precinct at Fehlberg Park and address the current gap for youth level cricket facilities in this area. Its location within this precinct will facilitate cooperation and support between the junior and senior clubs and also provide for seamless progression of junior and youth players into the senior grade levels.
24. Expansion of the oval would require conversion of part of Lot 246 on SL795 into a park. The lot is State land, currently entrusted to the RSPCA. As the RSPCA is moving to another location, there is an opportunity for the land to be granted to Council in trust for community use or sport and recreation purposes. Given that the site was recently flooded it is not likely that it would be contested for alternative uses.
25. Ron Porter Oval is situated on contaminated land, the same as adjacent sport facilities in Fehlberg Park. The site is not scheduled for remediation in the current annual remediation plan, however, issues like subsidence and poor drainage will have to be addressed in the near future. It is estimated that remedial works in the south west area of Hyde Road Park, where the oval is situated, would cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000. This estimate is consistent with average costs in comparable areas. If the Ron Porter Oval is expanded within the scope of remediation works, such an expansion would incur very few additional costs as the site would be levelled and turf already laid after remediation. Expansion of the oval would also incur removal/replanting of some trees which are not known to be under any special protection.
26. It is recommended that the petitioners be advised that Council will advocate the transfer of this site for sport and recreation purposes to accommodate a larger junior cricket facility.

Funding

27. Not applicable in the first instance. Should the land be granted to Council in trust, then standing allocations for the purpose of remediation of Council's contaminated sites and sports field development would be requested to cover the cost.

Consultation

28. Councillor Nicole Johnston, Councillor for Tennyson Ward, has been consulted and has expressed her strong support for this petition and her view that a positive response to this initiative will bring good outcomes from both environmental and community use perspectives. Councillor Johnston also recommended seeking active partnership with the State Government in development of the expanded oval.

Customer impact

29. Expanding the Ron Porter Oval as requested by the petitioners would bring positive and lasting benefit to community groups in the Tennyson Ward and beyond.
30. Accordingly, the Divisional Manager recommended as follows and the Committee agreed at its meeting of 18 July 2011.

31. **DECISION:**

THAT COUNCIL WRITE TO THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING INTEREST IN OBTAINING PART OF THE LAND IN TRUST TO THE RSPCA FOR EXPANSION OF THE RON PORTER OVAL AS PER THE DRAFT LETTER, SET OUT AT ATTACHMENT A BELOW, AND THAT THE PETITIONERS BE ADVISED OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THIS REPORT AS PER THE DRAFT RESPONSE SET OUT IN ATTACHMENT B, BELOW.

Attachment A
Draft Letter to Queensland Government

In response to a strong local initiative, Brisbane City Council would like to explore the possibility of upgrading the Ron Porter Oval in Yeronga over part of the adjoining trust reserve, should the land be made available for such a purpose.

The Ron Porter Oval is situated in Hyde Road Park, an informal park south of Venner Road in Yeronga. It is used by the South Brisbane District Junior Cricket Club, however, it can only accommodate Under 8 and Under 10 cricket matches. The expansion would greatly increase the useable capacity of the oval by allowing matches up to and including the Under 16 age group. Concurrent realignment of the cricket pitch would also allow afternoon games.

Expansion of the oval is only possible over a part of Lot 246 on SL795, which is currently granted to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) in trust. We are aware of the intention of the RSPCA to move to another location and we would be pleased to discuss potential use of the site for sport and recreation if such an opportunity arises.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Joanna Polzin from Council's Community Lifestyle branch, on 3403 8888.

Attachment B
Draft Response

The petition from the Souths Junior Cricket Club requesting Council support for expanding the Ron Porter Oval in Yeronga was received on 29 March 2011 and considered by the Establishment and Coordination Committee as a delegate of Council during recess on 18 July 2011.

Council finds your initiative very interesting and potentially leading to a good community outcome. In this respect, Council has written to The Hon. Vicki Darling MP, the Minister for Environment and Resource Management, and expressed Council's interest in this site.

If the site is granted to Council in trust for sport and recreation purposes, the upgrade of the cricket oval would be scheduled in accordance with budget priorities.

Thank you for bringing this opportunity to Council's attention.

End.