

Sonya Gallery, Principal Officer - Governance
8am to 5:30pm Mon - Thurs, 8am to 5pm Fri
Phone 02 9970 1111
Our ref: [REDACTED]

11 December 2015

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Notice of Decision – Application for Access to Government Information

Pittwater Council received the Notice of Decision from the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) in regard to the 13 October 2015 hearing for the matter of Philip Walker v Pittwater Council – File 1510523 - Application from Orders made under section 110 Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Information requested

Permission was granted by NCAT for you to lodge your application, subject to the following amendment to refine and clarify the information sought:

Any record typed by Council employees of post-it notes or other written suggestions provided by members of the public in public consultations on the development of the Mona Vale Place Plan in the first half of 2015 other than those recorded in the Imagine Mona Vale Engagement Summary for Mona Vale Place Plan August 2015.

Searches conducted

A search of Pittwater Council's records has been undertaken to identify the information falling within the scope of your application. This has included seeking information from the relevant officer and a search of Council's records management system (ECM) and Council's databases. The information retrieved is:

- Record 1 – public comments received during public engagement consultations for the development of the Mona Vale Place Plan.

Authority for decision

I am authorised by the Principal Officer, for the purposes of section 9(3) of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act), to decide the access to information for applications under the GIPA Act.

Notice of decision

I have examined the records containing the information requested. I have decided, under section 58(1)(a) of the GIPA Act, to provide full access to the information requested in your access application.

Please note, to ensure the completeness of the information provided to you, all comments and suggestions from the public consultations which were collected have been released to you including those which might be within the Imagine Mona Vale Engagement Summary for Mona Vale Place Plan August 2015. This is in accordance with section 75(2)(c) of the GIPA Act which provides that an agency's obligation to provide access to government information in response to an access application does not require an agency to produce a new record from the information held by the agency.

Reasons for decision

Under section 9(1) of the GIPA Act, the applicant has a legally enforceable right to be provided with access to the information sought, unless there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of the information. In making such a determination, agencies must apply the public interest test under section 13, which provides there will only be an overriding public interest against disclosure where public interest considerations in favour of disclosure are, on balance, outweighed by those against disclosure. Under section 5 of the GIPA Act, there is a presumption in favour of disclosing government information.

I considered this information in accordance with section 15 of the GIPA Act, which is undertaken in a way that promotes the principles of the GIPA Act; with regard to any relevant guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner; without taking into account the fact that disclosure of information may cause embarrassment to, or a loss of confidence in, the Government (as that fact is irrelevant); without taking into account the fact that disclosure of information might be misinterpreted or misunderstood by any person; and with regard to the fact that disclosure cannot be made subject to any conditions on the use or disclosure of information.

Public interest considerations in favour of disclosure

Under section 12(1) of the GIPA Act, there is a general public interest in favour of disclosing government information. Section 12(2) of the GIPA Act sets out examples of public interest considerations in favour of disclosure of information. However, I am not limited to those considerations in deciding your application.

The following public interest considerations in favour of disclosure are relevant to your application:

- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to promote open discussion of public affairs, enhance Government accountability or contribute to positive and informed debate on issues of public importance.
- Disclosure of the information could reasonably be expected to ensure effective oversight of the expenditure of public funds.

Public interest considerations against disclosure

When applying the public interest test, the only public interest considerations against disclosure I can take into account are those set out in the table to section 14 of the GIPA Act. To show they are relevant to the information, I need to consider whether they could reasonably be expected to have the effect outlined in the table.

I have not identified any considerations against disclosure relevant to the information requested in your application.

Balancing the public interest test

I have considered the relevant public interest factors in favour and against disclosure of the information you requested. I have decided there is an overriding public interest in favour of disclosing the information.

Your rights of review

If you are aggrieved by any of the reviewable decisions in this notice of decision, you may seek a review under Part 5 of the GIPA Act. I have enclosed a fact sheet published by the Information and Privacy Commission (IPC), entitled *Your review rights under the GIPA Act*, which details your rights of review under the GIPA Act. Frequently asked questions are also available on the IPC website. You may obtain further information about your rights under the GIPA Act by contacting the IPC on freecall 1800 INFOCOM (1800 463 626) or by visiting: www.ipc.nsw.gov.au.

Mr Walker, if you have any further questions, please contact Mr Warwick Lawrence by phone on 02 9970 1112 or by email at Warwick_Lawrence@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



Sonya Gallery
PRINCIPAL OFFICER – GOVERNANCE

- Encl:
1. Record 1 – public comments received during public engagement consultations for the development of the Mona Vale Place Plan
 2. *Your Review Rights Under the GIPA Act* Fact Sheet

Hotel/accommodation at Golf Club? --> need to secure long term viability of open space as membership ages

Make the 'Civic Precinct' a showcase of best practice sustainability practice/green building and energy conservation

Youth centre - bowling club

Regional "light rail" - links to Macquarie Park and Chatswood

Art centre (bowling club)

More places to view art, paintings and to activate culture [Spencer, Mona Vale]

Repurpose Bowling Club to become a community garden/wellness + ecoliving/permaculture facility

A beautiful, aesthetically classical building with community practical provisions will soon grace this spot - and see it transformed into a Pittwater Landmark!! I hope :)

Build an aquatic centre instead of the Church Point carpark

Flushing urinal in only public toilets (Mona Vale Hall) STINKS 15 years

Cultural centre over and with bowling club

a playground intergrated with the trees and natural landscape for older kids - with a café for parents!

A water park :)

One donut swing and one ice cream shop!

Regional art gallery/theatre

Invest in a recreational centre

Community solar plant. Darley Street

Creative 'hub' - exhibition space - retail - wifi

Library - open earlier and close later so that students have a place to study

URBAN TALKS - ACCESS, LINKAGES & HOUSING - APRIL 2015

URBAN TALKS - ACCESS, LINKAGES & HOUSING - MAY 2015

University/adult education centre in Mona Vale

Don't move the early childhood centre - it is perfect where it is!

Fix the new carpark - widen it - make level 3 & 4 8 hour

Open up rear of Council and Inch Cafe to Park. Link playground to cafes

Pittwater Museum

Infrastructure that is adaptable eg shade/gateway structures that can suspend art

Toilets - more in the precincts

New Council Chambers

Water park and swimming pool

Moveable shelters - weather

Outdoor dance floor space

Mini amphitheatres for free events in the park

Water slide in park

Lake in Village Park

Manly style water features

Fix the Mona Vale Surf Club

More places for young people

Upgrade children's playground - essential

Astro turf sports fields for 24/7 sports use

Pool Centre

Lighting is helpful but don't over do it because it blocks our view of the stars

Disappointed to see that after repeated representations to councillors and an organised petition there is still no progress 12 months on providing a single contiguous pedestrian path in Darley Street West, Mona Vale. This is an accident waiting to happen with people having to walk up the middle of the street. Lots of high rates being paid by unit holders in this street but no related action from

Best photo ever! [Of a picture of a bike and bike stand]. More bike infrastructure for Pittwater!

URBAN TALKS - PEOPLE & DESTINATIONS - FEBRUARY 2015

TRANSPORT

Emma and Wangara Streets 40 k zones

Park street 40 k zone

Speed camera in Darley street east (too many people driving too fast)

Speed camera on Park street / Barrenjoey road Driving fast)

Upgrade Mona vale road it takes 2 hours to get from Mona vale to Macquarie Unit each way!

Better local bus services

Small scale transport run by council or private operator (frequent service) to and from Mona Vale - Lee Resident

Local bus service - smaller vehicle - electric - Althea - Newport Resident

Reduce car use - better transport - more people walking and interacting

Ban Car - boost public transport

Improve the basics - Public transport and infrastructure first!

Centralise transport - public transport and taxis need to be co located

Private charter bus service

More public transport for Pittwater

Park and Ride facility to BRT Warriewood too far away

Smaller buses - resident

Redirect buses out of Main streets

Better faster public transport

Transport from VCHa5tesowood to Mona Vale - resident

Without improvement to public transport further development is not acceptable

Need trams on Pittwater Road

The Bus rapid transport system need to be supported by an adequate par and ride facility

Public transport !

Transports Hub with parking in Darley street

Mini buses

Taxis for local residents

Traffic congestion issues

Extend 40 k zone to vespers

URBAN TALKS - RETAILS & ECONOMICS - MARCH 2015

Roundabout intersection of Samuel St & Cabbage Tree

Traffic / transport Study Report for MV

Surfview Rd speed bump

Notice Boards at transport interchanges

Rezone bus eligibility zones for free school transport to reduce cars dropping at schools

Main Village Pk bus stop – fix shelter, better lighting, no smoking as it might encourage people to use

Better and more buses to Macquarie Park/ Chatswood

Small bus service outside of MV and into town centre

Better public transport/ small / local buses

Improve transport to the 'Global Arc' (Macquarie Park) & connect to other hubs

New speedbump at 60 Park Street

Public transport at night

More direct buses to Manly

Overhead light rail (over median strip) Avalon to Nth Sydney – first floor access with shops

URBAN TALKS - ACCESS, LINKAGES & HOUSING - APRIL 2015

A.M priority right turn onto Mona Vale Road westbound, alter traffic light phasing

Need faster transport South eg City or Brookvale maybe RBT (Rapid Bus Transport). Lanes with no cyclists.

Possible bus bay for driver change over outside BP service station, Darley St, Barrenjoey Road, extend right hand turn bay into Darley Street southbound, as when both happen Barrenjoey Road

Better public transport to other areas of Pittwater and other employment areas ie Macquarie/Chatswood

No railway

Improve access for cars into Pittwater Road. Close Waratah Street entering main road

Dedicated school buses for the masses

Channel more traffic down Bassett & Darley Streets

Park Street between Pittwater and Barrenjoey Road - one way heading east

Bungan street between Waratah and Pittwater - a pedestrian mall

Roundabout at Pittwater Road / Park / Bungan become lights to improve pedestrian access

Cabbage Tree Road to busy, too much traffic going to Mona Vale Road

Park Street - One Way

Bus services at night to link restaurants

Re-direct Pittwater Road traffic around Mona Vale

Through traffic - Pittwater Road - not to impede too much - 50k/h

Mona Vale Public - Emma Street to Bungan - Drop off and pick up

Clearway Bungan Street to Pittwater Road East so that traffic flows only Pittwater Road
Clearway between Mona Vale Road North to Darley Street
Transport hub in Mona Vale
Too much car traffic Waratah and Bungan

URBAN TALKS - PEOPLE & DESTINATIONS - FEBRUARY 2015

PARKING

Put parking area and transport hub on top of bus depot

Increase parking

Extend all day parking zones Bee be Park - many of the 4 hour spaces remain empty all day

Legal motor cycles parking on Footpaths - Graeme

More disabled parking spaces around town centre

Long term parking at the bus depot

Keep free parking in the town centre

Increase carpark levels

Review mixed use car park - Mark Newport

Keep the Bus depot where it is

Easy parking and less people

URBAN TALKS - RETAIL & ECONOMICS - MARCH 2015

Gyms required to provide parking

Post office parking

Ban boat parking on Park St

Not enough centralised parking - need underground or above

Get people to park one place & walk to the places they want to visit

Wheelchair car spaces (specific)

Another carpark - buy building next to bus depot

More parking!

Park St – parking on one side only for better access & movement

School drop off and pick up traffic issues

Lift in post office carpark

No lift in new Bungan Lane Carpark – waste of tax payer money!

Lift in new Bungan Lane Carpark

No carparks Kitchener Park

URBAN TALKS - ACCESS, LINKAGES & HOUSING - APRIL 2015

Street lights in Golf Ave carpark

Improve curbside parking along Bungan Street

Program activities for car parks at empty times eg market stalls/art exhibitions during evenings to generate social/eco outcomes

Off shore parking over night at Rowland Reserve and shuttle bus to ferry

URBAN TALKS - ACCESS, LINKAGES & HOUSING - MAY 2015

Easier access for elderly residents, more disabled spots

Another level of parking at kitchener

Underground parking Village Park