

LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

DIVISION:	MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
SUBJECT:	ITEM 42 SOUTH ANNANDALE OPEN SPACE AND BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN ROUTE
DATE:	22 September 2011
WORD PROCESSING REF:	

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Background

According to Leichhardt Council's 2005 Recreation and Open Space Needs Study, Annandale has the lowest ratio of open space in the municipality (0.73ha/1,000 people). This compares to Leichhardt with 1.35ha/1000, Rozelle 1.68/1000, Balmain 1.99ha/1000 and Lilyfield 2.56ha/1000 people.

For a number of years the community and Leichhardt Council have been attempting to expand open space in southern Annandale.

This term of Council has seen the allocation of funding towards Living Streets along Taylor Street South and for the purchase of land at 4 Chester Street. Living Streets includes an expansion of the existing small playground at the intersection of Taylor Street and Chester Street, which along with the embellishment of 4 Chester Street and the adjacent Sydney Water land, would create a decent sized park.

Sydney Water's lot 2 DP 739883 is the largest area, situated adjacent to 4 Chester Street and with a long tail running along Johnston's Creek to Albion Street and potentially all the way to Parramatta Road. The Bicycle Advisory Committee has previously spoken favourably of utilising the Booth Street – Parramatta Road corridor as a safe off road route for pedestrians and cyclists worthy of pursuing.

In discussions with Sydney Water, Council has been investigating licensing close to 700 m² at the side and immediately behind the carpet warehouse at 4 Chester Street.

The below relevant areas are in the s.94 Plan.

Acquisition rear 23-45 Susan Street,	500,000
Water Board lands on Johnstons Creek at Chester St. (675m ²)	1,350,000
Johnstons Creek path/cycle system - Parramatta Rd., to Booth St. and embellishment/masterplan implementation	400,000

Recommendation

That Council investigate purchasing or leasing;

- Sydney Water land on Johnston's Creek at Chester Street (675m²)
- Johnston's Creek path/cycle route – Parramatta Rd to Booth St
- any remaining section of Sydney Water's lot 2 DP 739883
- rear of 23-45 Susan Street

With the aim of prioritising these areas in the 2012/13 budget over other acquisition and embellishment works opportunities.

That a report on these investigations be brought to the November Ordinary Council meeting.

The new Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan define these areas as open space.

