



CITY OF BAYSWATER

**ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL**

APPENDICES

9 JUNE 2009



L J Magro
Mayor

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF BAYSWATER

17 June 2009

Ordinary Council Meeting
9 June 2009
Appendix 1:

Mr Tony Anstee
31 Hamersley Avenue
MORLEY WA

Dear Mr Anstee

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
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Reference is made to your question raised during Public Question Time at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 9 June 2009. The following response is provided:

Question 1:

Would the Council please paint white lines on the junctions of Abbey Street and Hamersley Avenue and Ivanoe Street and Hamersley Avenue. The number of near misses at these junctions is increasing and when the crash does happen it will be very nasty due to the large number of school children that will be involved.

Answer Q1:

Please be advised that regulatory linemarking and signage on roads is the responsibility of Main Roads WA. Accordingly, your request has been forwarded to them for consideration.

Should you require any further information, please contact the City's Director of Technical Services, Mr Doug Pearson, on (08) 9272 0654.

Yours sincerely

**LOUIE J MAGRO
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Appendix 2:

Mr Ian Walters
124 Lawrence Street
BAYSWATER WA 6053

Dear Mr Walters

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
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Reference is made to your questions raised during Public Question Time at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 9 June 2009. The following is provided in response to your questions:

Question 1:

Mr Mayor is there any reason why tonight's Agenda does not include the full minutes of the EMRC Council meeting of 30 April 2009?

Answer Q1:

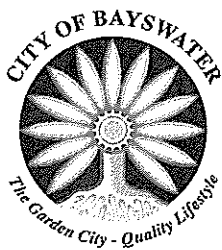
Please be advised that Item 12.2 contains the EMRC Abridged Minutes and what was included in the Agenda is how it was presented to this Council by the EMRC.

Question 2: (Verbal)

It is with some sadness that I stand up here this evening, because if you haven't go the full minutes of the EMRC meeting I fail to see how our Councillors, unless they've got their own private copy, but certainly the ratepayers haven't. The EMRC has made a further provision for diminution in investments of \$3,230,633.00 and that gives accumulated losses of \$7,603,834.00 (provision for losses) and the City of Bayswater share is \$1,518,485.00. In addition in the minutes of October 2008, there has been an underprovision of depreciation in the budget/figures of \$1,125 (I forget the dollars) and it was not that long ago at the Annual meeting of the ratepayers that we were assured that the financial statements would reflect the true position. It doesn't appear so on the surface, unless we have some valid explanations you can only assume the worst.

Answer Q2:

As I stated during the meeting, I appreciate your attendance at the last few EMRC meetings. I have reminded the Chairman of the EMRC to send out the response to your question asked at the last meeting. Please be assured that every provision is made, on behalf of this Council to minimize any particular financial loss.



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Question 3: (Verbal)

I appreciate your frankness Mr Mayor, it is a real shame that this wasn't brought up many many months ago as you have conveyed it this evening. I say that with the utmost respect, you may have valid reasons, but as the ratepayers we don't. One thing that I am getting concerned about is the equity that you are showing in EMRC Council. Could you please advise me of the amount of contribution the City of Bayswater has made since 1981? Because that's the figures you quote since 1981, it's ok to go quoting figures as dollars and dollars and dollars but no one quotes what we've put in as ratepayers.

Answer Q3:

In reply to this question, as stated in the City of Bayswater's annual accounts, its capital contribution to the EMRC was only \$148,200 on 2 June 1981.

The City however does use the EMRC for various operating services and thus pays the appropriate discounted member fees. The EMRC also coordinates various external grant-funded programs for the region. In some cases these programs may require an operating cost contribution proportionate to the grant conditions and City of Bayswater's share towards this. I stress however that these are operational.

Yours sincerely



LOUIE J MAGRO
MAYOR



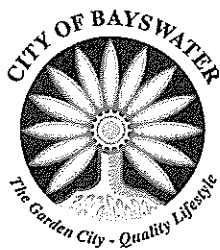
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Appendix 3:

Mr Tony Green (President)
Bayswater City Residents Association (Inc)
PO Box 1639
MORLEY WA 6943



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Dear Mr Green

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Reference is made to your question raised during Public Question Time at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 9 June 2009. The following response is provided:

Question 1:

Are Council aware that the illuminated 'Welcome to the City of Bayswater' sign on the median strip adjacent to 354 Benara Road no longer lights up at night and is partially obscured by weeds growing beneath it?

Answer Q1:

Please be advised that Council's electrical contractor has been contacted to rectify this situation. In addition, Council staff will attend to the weeds growing around the sign.

Should you require any further information, please contact the City's Director of Technical Services, Mr Doug Pearson, on (08) 9272 0654.

Yours sincerely

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Appendix 4:

Mr Tony Green
18 Belfast Street
MORLEY WA 6062

Dear Mr Green

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
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Reference is made to your question raised during Public Question Time at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 9 June 2009. The following response is provided:

Question 1:

When are the City of Bayswater going to join the ratepayers by stopping the wasting of precious water? Why, when the ratepayers are sticking to watering days, is the City of Bayswater still pouring water onto verges and roads every night of the week? Why do Broun Avenue and Crimea Street median strips have to be watered every night? What will it take to make the City of Bayswater to 'get with the program' of saving water?

Answer Q1:

Please be advised that the City of Bayswater takes the issue of water conservation seriously and is involved in a number of initiatives to save water.

Firstly, the City of Bayswater is involved in the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Water Campaign. This campaign aims to assist Local Government in the management of water resources by reducing uses and improving quality. The City has also converted a number of its reticulation systems to radio controlled systems that can be monitored from a base to station to ensure operational efficiency.

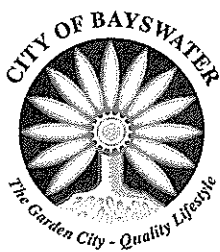
In addition to the above, the City's staff monitor moisture content in a number of areas to ensure that water use is effective and efficient.

I have also asked Council staff to check the systems mentioned by yourself to ensure operational efficiency for the current climate conditions.

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Yours sincerely

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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Appendix 5:

Mrs Pat Lim
1 Johnson Road
MAYLANDS WA 6051

Dear Mrs Lim

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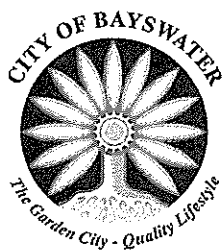
Reference is made to your questions raised during Public Question Time at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Tuesday, 9 June 2009. The following response is provided:

[Note: All other questions were answered on the night of the meeting and form part of the minutes]

Question 5:

In the Eastern Reporter on 9 December 2008 under the heading “Mayor Backs Ban on Booze” you were recorded as saying “I challenge anyone to name a local government in Perth that routinely serves spirits and alcohol to the public after a Council meeting. It does not happen and I think it is perfectly proper to make tea, coffee and biscuits available as an alternative.” Did you make this statement to the newspaper?

Well Mr Mayor, I for one will challenge you on that statement you made as you requested. I recently undertook to do a random sample survey of only 70 Councils which equates to approximately 50% of all local Councils and have so far had 30 replies to those 70 letters. 29 replies to the sample so far and 8 of those replies were from the Perth metro area and said ‘Yes’ they do serve a liquor to ratepayers after meetings and 21 from the country areas said the same thing and all answers have not yet been received so I believe those figures from metro and country will change. It doesn’t matter I have proved the point already. I took up your challenge and proved that you are quite incorrect about other Councils and what they do for their ratepayers. I am not asking you to change Councils decision (I drink only orange juice) but for you to accept that what you said is not correct Mr Mayor you cannot simply make a claim as correct without the burden of proof. I hope you now do not blame the newspaper as quoting you incorrectly. If this be so, how can we ever believe what the newspaper writes about you when it involves what you say and do in the community for the ratepayers. Perhaps better you don’t talk to the newspapers.



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Answer Q5:

Your question refers to an item that appeared in the newspaper over six (6) months ago and given the considerable time that has elapsed I cannot honestly recall if I used those words.

However, I have noted your comments and I would like to thank you for your question and for your participation at the Council Meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louie J. Magro', written in a cursive style.

LOUIE J MAGRO
MAYOR

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9 June 2009
Appendix 6:

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Jim & Noeleen Chadd
98 McGilvray Ave
NORANDA. WA. 6062

27 May 2009

Councillor Sally Palmer
City of Bayswater
Broun Ave
BAYSWATER WA 6053

Dear Sally,

In September 2007 I wrote to the CEO of the City of Bayswater and Councillor Mike Atherton of the North Ward, regarding the redevelopment at the Noranda Palms Shopping Centre and the removal of native bottlebrush shrubs on the western verge of Mc Gilvray Ave. adjacent to the main car park, and their subsequent replacement with deciduous European Plain trees and the consequential future mess these trees would create for us residents opposite.

I recently heard a program on ABC radio regarding the Victorian Government's funding of the removal of all of these Plain trees from School playgrounds and Parks and Gardens across Victoria, as the trees were found to cause considerable problems for children and adults with Asthma.

We notice that the recent nearby redevelopment of Thompson Reserve, cnr Benara Rd and McGilvray Ave, Noranda has also included the planting of some of these same trees! Why is the Council continuing to plant foreign trees instead of native Australian water-wise trees and bushes?

Given the Victorian Govt's Plain tree removal program, the Bayswater Council should:

- i. immediately investigate the Victorian program of Plain trees removal and the aggravation these trees cause Asthma sufferers.
- ii. follow the Victorian Govt's example and take immediate action to remove all existing Plain trees from Parks & Gardens under its control.
- iii. cease any further Council plantings of these same trees and not approve such plantings in public places eg. Shopping Centres.
- iv. where trees are required to be planted, approve only water-wise native Australian species in public places.

We would appreciate your support in bringing this matter up at a full Council meeting in the near future.

Regards,



Jim & Noeleen Chadd



L J Magro
Mayor

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Mr Jim and Mrs Noeleen Chadd
98 McGilvray Avenue
NORANDA WA 6062

Dear Mr & Mrs Chadd

**TABLED PETITIONS & LETTERS
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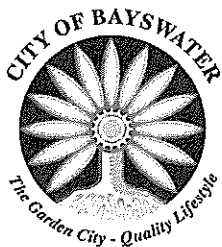
Thank you for your letter tabled at the 9 June 2009 Ordinary Meeting of Council by Cr Sally Palmer. I formally acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Please be advised that Council does not have control of the planting of trees on private property however, the issues raised in your letter have been referred to Council staff for investigation.

Should you require any further information, please contact the City's Director of Technical Services, Mr Doug Pearson, on (08) 9272 0654.

Yours sincerely

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