

**Item: NM066-22 Acquisition of Glenlee****Councillor:** Councillor Mahoney**MOTION:**

That Council takes the following steps to preserve “Glenlee” (Lot 1 DP10359, 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno) for current and future generations, namely;

- (i) That Council supports of the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register by lodging its own submission with the Heritage Council of NSW.
- (ii) That Council encourages residents and organisations to also support the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register by inviting them to lodge individual submissions with the Heritage Council of NSW, by publicising the matter on its website and through social and print media.
- (iii) That Council urgently seeks funding commitments for the acquisition of “Glenlee” from:
  - (a) Mr James Griffin MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage, and Mr Anthony Roberts MP, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, and
  - (b) Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, Minister for the Environment and Water, and Ms Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians.
- (iv) That Council, upon consideration of the funding commitments received from the NSW and Commonwealth governments at (iii) above, directs the General Manager to investigate the possibility of the provision of the balance of the funds necessary for the acquisition of “Glenlee” by Council, through sources which have been identified consequent upon Council’s resolution CCL077-21 dated 25th October 2021. Specifically, that the balance of any Council funds deemed necessary for the purchase of “Glenlee” be sourced from external and internal sources and that, in the case of development contributions being identified as a funding source, that Council utilises only those development contributions which have accrued as a consequence of higher density and commercial development in the Peakhurst Ward.
- (v) That, once the equitable and appropriate acquisition of “Glenlee” has been finalised, that the NSW Government incorporates the property into the nearby Georges River National Park, so that the auspicious National Parks and Wildlife Service will be entrusted with the safe stewardship of this unique property and its environmental, historical and cultural attributes into the future.

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**COUNCILLOR BACKGROUND**

- (i) On 5th July 2022 the Heritage Council of NSW gave notice of its intention to consider the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register, in recognition of the significance of this property to the people of NSW.
- (ii) On 11th July 2022 Council’s Environment and Planning Committee recommended:
  - (a) That Council note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Planning Proposal PP2022/0002 that seeks to list 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno, known as “Glenlee” as a local heritage item.

- (b) That Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 as exhibited in relation to Lot 1 DP10359, 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno to:
- (c) List No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 Environmental heritage of the Georges River LEP 2021; and
- (d) Amend the Heritage Map - Sheet HER\_003 to map No. 80 Boronia Parade, Lugarno as “Item – General”.
- (e) That Council forward the Planning Proposal for gazettal to the Department of Planning and Environment in accordance with Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
- (f) That all persons who made a submission to the Planning Proposal be advised of Council’s decision.

NOTE: Of the community submissions, 56% (67) provided direct support for the Planning Proposal and/or heritage listing. A further 43% (52) provided general support for “Glenlee” (e.g., retaining/preserving the site for the benefit of the community).

- (iii) Council, through its Open Space, Recreation and Communities Facility Strategy has identified the necessity for “a future hub providing access to high quality community space, with a potential bushland focus” in Peakhurst/Lugarno.
- (iv) Council, through its Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040 has recommended the following actions:
  - (a) *“Develop and implement the Foreshore Access and Improvement Plan to provide infrastructure to improve access to the waterfront of the Georges River, short to medium term” (A85) and*
  - (b) *“Collaborate with National Parks and Wildlife Service to develop a vision for the Georges River National Park and advocate for improved potential amenity in Lugarno, short to long term” (A86).*

#### **DIRECTOR’S COMMENT:**

- (i) Council supports the listing of “Glenlee” on the State Heritage Register by lodging its own submission with the Heritage Council of NSW on 18 July 2022.
- (ii) The Heritage Council of NSW resolved at its meeting on 5 July 2022, to give notice of its intention to consider listing Glenlee on the State Heritage Register (SHR) in accordance with section 33(1) (a) and the Heritage Act 1977 (NSW). Council released the news on its Facebook page on 12 July 2022 advising that members of the community are invited to make a written submission regarding the proposed listing and significance of Glenlee. Details on where submissions should be made and the deadline for submissions.
- (iii) Council supports the request for funding from Minister for Environment and Heritage, Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, Minister for the Environment and Water, Minister for Indigenous Australians.
- (iv) As outlined in the officer response on 28 February 2022 Council meeting (QWN002-22), it is anticipated that the technical report will be submitted to Council in the second half of 2022 as assessing the eligibility of developer contributions (externally restricted reserves) to fund the acquisition is dependent on the completion of the Georges River Open Space Expansion and Acquisition Plan.

Further, if the estimated acquisition cost and lifecycle costs are estimated to be above \$8 million, the capital expenditure guidelines are required to be completed prior to proceeding with budget adoption/acquisition.

- (v) Council should note that the Georges River National Park comprises land abutting and near the Georges River from Picnic Point, Revesby Heights, Padstow Heights, Lugarno and Alford's Point. While these lands are not all contiguous, they are close together, Glenlee is over 1km from the nearest part of the park.

The Hon. Mark Coure MP verbally advised the Acting General Manager on 24 June 2022 that he will again write to the Hon. James Griffin MP – Minister for Environment and Heritage regarding the purchasing of the site to be incorporated into the Georges River National Park.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council resolve to support this motion the financial implications will be provided in a future report.

### **FILE REFERENCE**

D22/152621