

**ITEM 3. ITEM FOR COMMITTEE INFORMATION – TEMPORARY ROAD
CLOSURES – COWPER WHARF ROADWAY WOOLLOOMOOLOO
AND GREENKNOWE AVENUE POTTS POINT**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2017/209819

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee note the permanent removal of the temporary road closures at the following locations on Friday and Saturday nights:

- (A) Cowper Wharf Roadway, Woolloomooloo, between Brougham and Wylde Streets (northbound), between 11pm and 3am; and
- (B) Temporary removal of the left-turn vehicular movement from Greenknowe Avenue into Macleay Street, Potts Point, between 11 pm and 5 am.

VOTING MEMBERS FOR THIS ITEM

<i>Voting Members</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Object</i>
City of Sydney		
Roads and Maritime Services		
NSW Police – Kings Cross LAC		
Representative for the Member for Sydney		

DECISION

BACKGROUND

Following concerns raised by the local community and NSW Police, in December 2009 the City initiated the temporary closure of Cowper Wharf Roadway, Woolloomooloo on Friday and Saturday nights to deter anti-social behaviour (e.g. street racing, playing loud music from a car stereo, etc.) from both Woolloomooloo and Potts Point (particularly Kings Cross).

In 2014, at the request of the NSW Police, the temporary closures were extended to include the temporary removal of the left-turn movement from Greenknowe Avenue into Macleay Street, Potts Point on Friday and Saturday nights.

In late 2016, the City sought clarification from the NSW Police on whether the temporary closures were still required on Friday and Saturday nights. In January, the City received correspondence from the NSW Police supporting the cessation of the temporary closures.

To adequately assess local impacts, a trial removal of the closures was conducted over four consecutive weekends commencing on 17-18 February 2017.

COMMENTS

During the trial, the City worked with NSW Police to monitor local conditions, assess community feedback, and commissioned traffic counts to ascertain traffic volumes with

and without the temporary road closures. The trial removal identified that there were no reports of anti-social behaviour during the trial period.

The trial removal identified that:

- There were no reports of anti-social behaviour (e.g. street racing, playing loud music from a car stereo, etc.) during the trial period.
- Following notification of the trial to 2,930 properties, the City received seven submissions and NSW Police received one submission that removing the road closures would result in a return of anti-social behaviour; and
- There was a negligible difference in the traffic volumes using Macleay Street (southbound) with and without the temporary road closures in place.

Given no reports of anti-social behaviour were recorded during the trial, and count data collected before, during and after the trial showed the temporary closures were no longer effective in deterring through traffic, the City resolved to permanently conclude the temporary closures on Friday and Saturday nights on 19-20 May 2017.

Despite the permanent removal of the temporary road closures, the City will continue to work collaboratively with the NSW Police to monitor local conditions and act accordingly should the anti-social behaviour return.

CONSULTATION

Notification of the permanent removal of the temporary road closures was circulated via letterbox drop to the same 2,930 properties originally notified about the trial. Further information was also provided on the City's website.

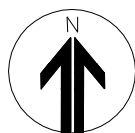
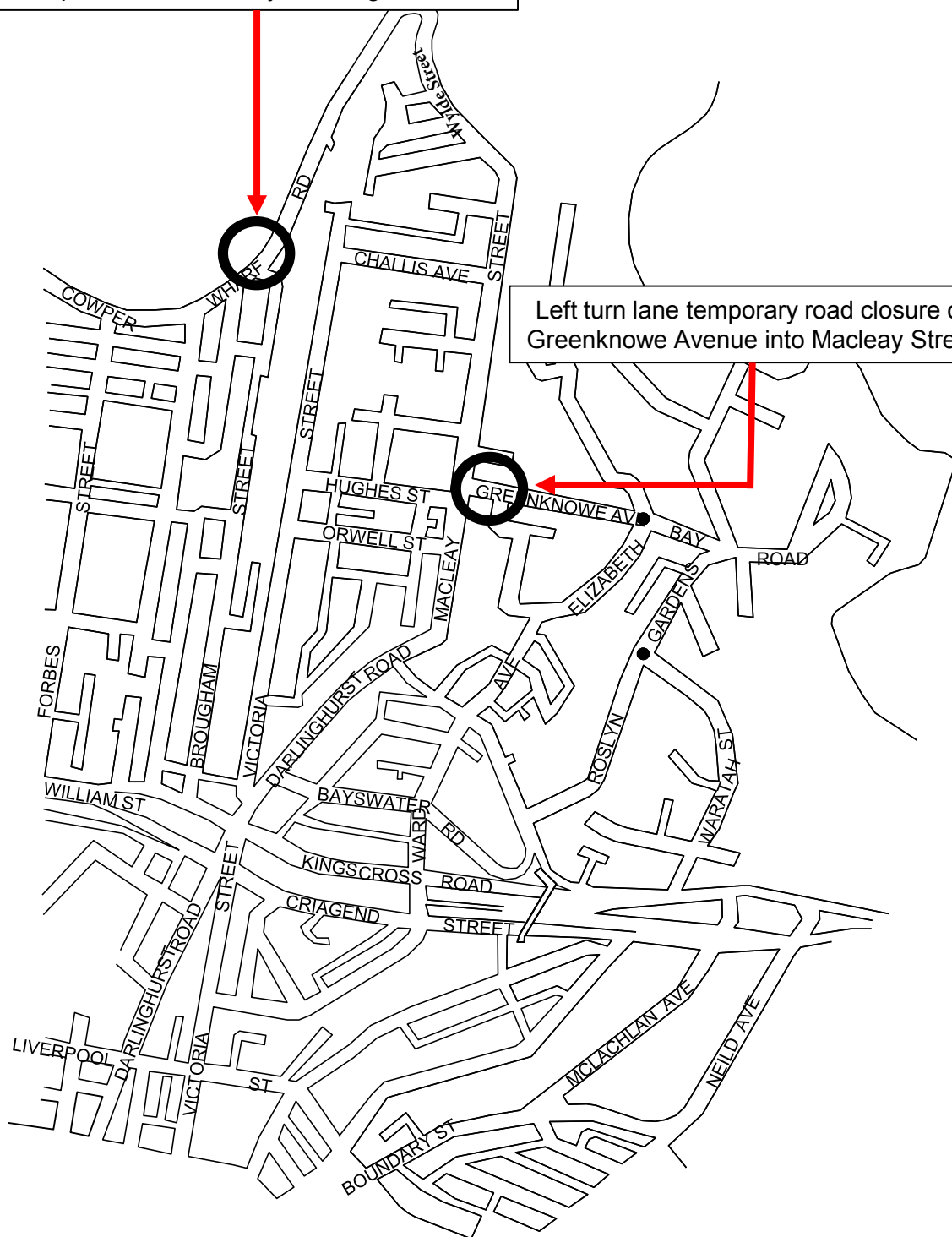
ATTACHMENTS

Item For Committee Information – Temporary Road Closures – Cowper Wharf Roadway Woolloomooloo and Greenknowe Avenue Potts Point

Ganesh Vengadasalam, Senior Traffic Engineer

Northbound temporary road closure of
Cowper Wharf Roadway at Brougham Street

Left turn lane temporary road closure of
Greenknowe Avenue into Macleay Street



PERMANENT REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

COWPER WHARF ROADWAY, WOOLLOOMOOLOO AND
GREENKNOWE AVENUE, POTTS POINT

