

**Phillips Landing Community Association # 270051
EC Meeting April 22, 2020 (by conference call)**

Gardening Committee Report - Prepared by Pete Sheldon

Maintenance

Mid Feb to mid April, recovery and regrowth of plants and lawns has progressively seen normal maintenance activities and hours resumed.

Legacy of the dry spell was that **we lost** a large Banksia at the entrance to Alexander (removed last week).

Also lost about 15 small, mostly new plants despite best efforts at watering (now replaced). A relatively small impact thanks to "volunteer watering brigade".

Lawn at the eastern pool has regrown back, despite being given up for dead as has foreshore lawns.

High winds across multiple periods resulted in a lot of additional mess, including the stripping most dead fronds from the palm at the Lawson building entrance.

Gum tree at the western end of Alexander had a large branch ripped off and partly onto the roof of a neighboring building. Smaller but significant branches also ripped off the same tree more recently warranting **possible selective pruning or potential removal** to avoid further drop on neighbor's roof (growth habit of the lead trunk seeking light around the large plane trees)

NBN work has impacted on some lawn areas and gardens. Fortunately most impact to plants was in beds that were more generally marked for future renovation. The beds along eastern driveway, adjacent to the pool will take priority once NBN work is completed (currently on hold due to COVID19 limitations). Lawns will have additional top soil added in next few weeks.

Landscaping

Waterfront program has been revisited and reviewed, with plans to proceed in 3 stages.

1. Preparation of all pathway level areas by removal of some soil to allow for replacement with quality new soil when pre-planting and removal of some remnant small tree trunks. A bin and small digger will be used. Planting & mulching of the areas adjacent to Wentworth/Chisholm gate & Chisholm/Barrington gate & Barrington/Scarborough Eastside gate.
2. Installation of under fence barrier & repair of fence palings for Chisholm and Barrington frontages. *Quote attache*
3. Planting of fence level (raised) beds along Chisholm & Barrington, Plus Barrington path level beds between gate areas (previously left to allow access to raised beds).

Quotes for 1 & 2 previously submitted. Clearing prep already completed.

Cost for machine, bin and soil partly offset against original quotes as less manual labor time (digging), soil already partly covered (some variation **up** in volume). Some change to plant species from original may incur slight increase in plant cost.

AS with Eastern entrance, additional will be installation of watering pipe & fittings to plants from pre-existing plastic pipe line (DW 2018).

Trees

Prepare applications

1. **Removal of 1 x Casuarina** at foreshore corner with Wentworth building & park. This is the larger trunk of 2 trees in this location. These trees have run rampant with a forrest of saplings to 3m high. Previously reported as they are responsible for thick roots entering the garden and raising pavers in the courtyard of #6. Same tree roots were responsible for plumbing damage to both #6 and Wentworth's main sewer several years ago (\$12K). The tree base is 2.5 metres below the courtyard ! One tree was approved for removal previously by council then retracted. We approved in 2019 PLCA Tree works program but hadn't applied to council.
2. **Pruning or removal of Gum** at western end of Alexander – mentioned above

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Quotation

Date: 01/05/2019

Quote no564

Sydney Domestic Crew Base

247 Burwood road Concord

Quote for the following landscaping work:

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| - Supply and install treated timber sleeper under 22 fence panels and secure any loose fence panels | \$3000 |
| - Repair existing damaged pavers, supply and install new drainage pit and correct subgrade level of pavers to allow adequate fall to new drainage pit | \$12000 |

For the total amount: \$15,000.00

Notice

- GST excluded

- price for Pavers excluded