

# West Ward Bytes

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## CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

**126 Greville Street**

The Church of Scientology has purchased the old Acoustics Laboratory site at 126 Greville Street. The Church is proposing to use the site for ecclesiastical management including administration, training, education and related Church activities. They propose to utilise the existing buildings on the site - the main building and carpark structure. The Church suggests that what they are proposing is permissible under the zoning regulations.

Probably the main issue that will emerge will be the intensity of the proposed use. The Church says that there will be up to 460 people on the site at any one time. Of further concern is the fact that residential development is also allowable on the site. So the big issue would likely be traffic in Greville St.

The Church is proposing to maintain the landscape and environment, use public transport for some of its followers and continue to provide resident access to the grounds and surrounding bushland.

### MEETING THURSDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

7:30 PM THE ANNEX

Dougherty Centre

## HAWTHORNE AVENUE FOOTPATH

Under Council's missing links footpath program a footpath is proposed along the southern (even) side of Hawthorne Avenue. Hawthorne Avenue currently has no footpath with pedestrians walking on the road. Council policy is that each street is entitled to at least one footpath. In two locations the topography prevents construction of a footpath and at these locations it is proposed to create a marked pedestrian area on the road pavement. At these locations the footpath stops and pedestrians are redirected onto a linemarked "path" on the road carriageway. The footpath then continues on the nature strip once the obstruction is passed. The on road footpath sections will be painted blue with pedestrian logos to ensure it is highly visible and clarify the intent of the zone to motorists. No Stopping Zones are also proposed to ensure that cars don't park on the on-road footpath and also to ensure that there is sufficient space for cars to pass. Pedestrian Warning signs will be installed on the approaches. Hawthorne Avenue carries very low volumes of traffic so the level of risk is not high.

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## AMALGAMATIONS

The State Government has changed its stance on forced amalgamations. It is now saying that if Councils do not amalgamate voluntarily it may be forced to act.

To encourage voluntary amalgamations the Government is offering cash incentives. \$10M to each Council plus assuring increased annual funding.

At the moment, Willoughby Council is looking at what efficiencies it might be able to achieve. However, it is not expected that potential savings will be significant.

Of major concern is that Councils now only have 12 months to decide what to do.

## MOWBRAY PRECINCT TRAFFIC STUDY

Council has resolved inter alia:

- 1 The PeopleTrans Study and the recommendations be placed on exhibition.
2. That residents in the area be letterboxed to inform them of the availability of the report and opportunity to comment.
3. That further traffic counts be undertaken in the area to obtain current traffic data.
4. A road safety audit of Coolaroo Road to assess the current road speed conditions, road safety risks and provide recommendations on traffic speeds.
- 5 That the consultants be requested to provide further advice on options
6. That a community meeting be held during the exhibition period.
7. To consult further with Lane Cove Council.