



## Residents' Panel Newsletter

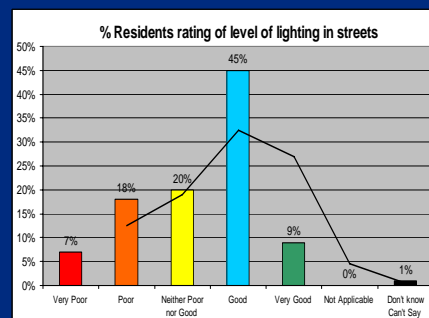
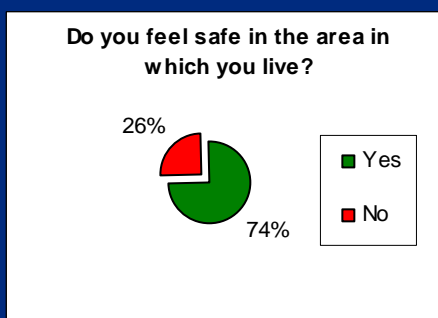
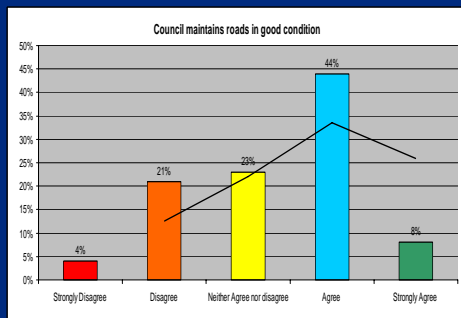
### The Results are In! - Management Plan Survey 05/06

The Residents' Panel was surveyed about Parramatta City Council's major programs that drive the annual Management Plan planning process for the first time this year

The results of this survey will help us to focus on major program areas and services so that they more accurately reflect community needs and interests in the future.

This consultation endeavoured to understand **community opinion** regarding the programs and services that drive Management Plan as well as additional services/programs the **Council** is looking to provide in the future.

Graphed below are a few interesting survey **findings**. To access the full report, log onto our website, [www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/residentspanel](http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/residentspanel) or alternatively contact the team on 9806 5777.



### Decisions resulting from the Parking meter Survey



Parramatta City Council is currently implementing paid parking in the; **Parramatta CBD, North Parramatta and Harris Park - but not in Granville or Epping.**

A decision about installing meters in **Westmead** has been deferred for 12 months pending the outcome of a review of off street

parking facilities in the area and a DIPNR transport study that is currently underway.

Council reached its decision after a wide-ranging community consultation process, which included a series of public meetings, surveys and consultations with Council's Residents' Panel.

The Residents' Panel, which now has 1500 members representing one per cent of the population of the Parramatta LGA, played an important role in

providing feedback to Councillors and Council staff for this direction.

Residents, business owners and visitors indicated that there is a widely perceived traffic and parking problem in Parramatta.

Parking meters are only one part of a larger transport management plan for Parramatta.

Council is also investigating park & ride facilities, t-way bus routes, upgrading its car parks .

and improving street signage.

Paid parking essentially helps to turn over parking spaces more regularly, making it easier for visitors to find parking and encourage greater patronage in business districts.

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

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## Dreaming Parramatta Summit



Around a 150 people took part in the Dreaming Parramatta Summit in late August.

There were fantastic levels of enthusiasm and a few of the common themes highlighted by participants have been summarised below:

*-Parramatta should be a more cultural and cosmopolitan city*

*-Greater investment is required in education, creativity, innovation and the new economy.*

*-The city should have lots of green spaces- parklands etc.*

Results from the Summit will be used as part of the Council's development of a sustainable vision and strategic plan for Parramatta over the next 20 years called Dreaming Parramatta.

According to Cr David Borger; *"It will be the main thinking behind all Council's future projects and decisions"*

## The Panels NEW Face.



The Residents' Panel team is proud to present its new logo that represents what the Panel is all about.

This logo symbolises the diversity of our Community, with an emphasis on strong bonds between people, the environment and the economy.

The sense of unity is important as we are all working together towards a better Community.

## Wellbeing Strategies Update

Through the **Dreaming Parramatta Strategies Consultation**, the Council sought to understand whether the **Wellbeing Strategies** developed by Council Officers were consistent with community opinion, and if not where do the gaps exist.

The Council went ahead with a Wellbeing strategies approach that concentrates on 3 of the major elements that drive society – Economic, Environmental and Social.

Accordingly, residents indicated the need to emphasise the availability of jobs in the **Economic Strategy** alongside a

focus on attracting more business. In relation to the **Social strategy**, residents stressed the importance of a sense of community, safety, family, good learning opportunities, friendliness and forward thinking.

The **Environmental Strategy** was largely supported in all aspects of this plan.

This consultation, combined with the **Dreaming Parramatta Summit** will help prepare the 20 year strategic plan for our city's future. The results and outcomes will be provided to panellists in the near future.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- \* The Residents' Panel has recently grown to 1500 panel members. This means that we now Represent 1% of Parramatta Councils population.
- \* Why not tell your friends, family and neighbours to join the panel!
- \* The Panel Coordinator, Wade Clark spoke at the United nations Conference on engaging communities in September

See: [http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/residentspanel/News\\_Item02.html](http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/residentspanel/News_Item02.html)

### WHATS NEXT FOR OUR MEMBERS:

- Parra 2025 Consultation, February 2006 (Strategic Plan for the next 20 years)
- A rewards program is currently being developed and is to be launched early next year
- Residents' Panel member BBQ at Australia more information to follow.