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CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE – October 2011

DEBRIS CONTROL BARRIERS (DCB)

Council has completed the installation of Debris Control Barriers in Eastwood, and at Wick Road, North Ryde, adjacent to the M2 Motorway.

Eastwood The tubular steel DCB installed at Hillview Lane will prevent the stormwater channel becoming blocked by flood debris that can include large items such as shopping trolleys, fallen trees, garbage bins and even floating cars. The installation is expected to reduce the flood levels by up to 0.3m through the Eastwood town centre. This represents a saving in flood damage of \$0.5million.

North Ryde The galvanised steel trash rack and reinforced concrete access ramp installed at Wick Road captures debris and sediment and improves water quality in Porters Creek. It also reduces the flooding risk upstream by preventing large debris entering into the box culvert under the Porter Creek Council Depot. Captured debris and sediment will be removed by Council maintenance crew.

FOOTPATHS

Council's footpath program has an annual budget of \$1,000,000 and consists of new and replacement footpath construction. Footpaths which have been completed to date are

- George St, Gladesville (between Ross and Meriton St)
- Blaxland Rd, Ryde (Hatton St to no. 28)
- North Rd, Ryde (cnr Blaxland Rd to motor registry)
- Darvall Rd, Eastwood (Rutledge to Eric St)
- Lansdowne St (Blaxland Rd to Motor registry)
- Cutler Pde, North Ryde (Chauvel – Edmondson St.)

In addition a footpath has recently been constructed on Cheers St, West Ryde. The work was associated with the redevelopment of the Department of Housing site as part of the nation building economic stimulus plan. Works included 130m of footpath running from 9-13 Cheers Street to Darvall Road. Other stimulus plan works are footpath works on Alison Street, Eastwood scheduled for completion in October.

PARK UPGRADES

Jim Walsh Park, Eastwood A playground upgrade and landscape works are scheduled to begin in early October 2011. The playground will be redesigned and upgraded, new concrete paths installed as well as new seating and landscaping for improved visibility into the park.

Pidding Park, Ryde An upgrade at Pidding Park is underway and includes flood lighting for night training, drainage improvements to the sports field, playground and path upgrade. Recently completed works include a new synthetic cricket pitch and installation pole footings for the floodlights. Lighting works are scheduled for completion in October 2011. Playground and landscape works are scheduled to finish in December 2011.