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## Gardens Renewed

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### **Monthly Report 29 1 January to 31 January 2013**

#### **Routine garden and lawn maintenance (Part B activities)**

##### **1. Work completed for January:**

See Attachment 1 for the summary of work undertaken around each apartment building  
**Source:** Daily work reports submitted The Garden Maintenance Company

##### **2. Other maintenance issues:**

###### a) Fortnightly work cycle

- During January, hours worked totalled 166.5 which exceeded the rostered hours of 144 for January by 22.5. The deficit from the end of December of 5.5 labour hours has been eliminated and we are now in credit by 17 hours. An extra shift was worked on 3 days (21/1, 23/1 and 29/1). Work unable to be completed in December such as lawn edging and hedging needing a replacement pole trimmer was recovered during January. On 2 of the +40 degreeC days many plants were scorched, particularly the Agapanthus shrubs and many of these plants have been trimmed and dead foliage was removed. The remainder will be completed in February.
- During January, Scott returned to Sydney after leaving his job at Lizard Island. He has been re-employed by our contractor and he will take up leading

hand duties at Phillips Landing at least one day each week. We are pleased to have his leading hand experience and knowledge of Phillips Landing back with us. Scott's return has eased some of the uncertainty about the ongoing leading hand arrangements for Phillips Landing

- The exact deployment arrangements for Scott have yet to be finalised. I will be discussing this matter with Andrew (The Garden Maintenance Company) to stabilise leading hand arrangements for Phillips Landing.

### **Improvement activities (Part A activities):**

Progress on matters reported previously:

All matters previously reported have been finalised.

### **New Issues 2013**

#### **Contractor performance**

Staffing and restructure changes at The Garden Maintenance Company have caused disruptions to service delivery. Operations have improved during November/December but this matter continues to be under close review. Resource availability improved during January such that the hours' deficit from December was eliminated during January.

#### **Tree removals and pruning**

The tree management work scheduled for the first half of 2012/13 was successfully undertaken on 30 and 31 January by Fergie's Tree Works. Some additional work identified during these 2 days was also added to the work schedule.

#### **Lawn and garden watering**

Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers, the gardens and lawns particularly through January have been kept in good condition. The lawns have maintained good colour and there is little if any yellowing

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## Attachment 1

### Work completed during the month of January 2013

This summary is provided to demonstrate in greater detail the work completed across the whole site. Naturally, the amount of work completed around each building will vary somewhat from month to month depending on the vegetation that needs attention.

There are number of small jobs undertaken by the contractors that are not included in this report.

#### **Borrowdale**

Trimmed Duranta hedges  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves  
Hand weeded gardens  
Removed dead leaves from Strelitzias  
Removed fallen palm fronds

#### **Bligh**

Trimmed Plumbago hedge

#### **Flinders**

Trimmed Lilly Pilly hedges around the circular lawn  
Trimmed Duranta and Murraya hedges around the circular lawn

#### **Captain's Club**

Dead headed Agapanthus  
Trimmed Star Jasmine, Murraya and Buxus hedges  
Hand weeded gardens  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves

#### **Golden Grove**

Trimmed hedges

#### **Alexander**

Dead headed Agapanthus

#### **Macquarie**

Dead headed Agapanthus and removed any scorched leaves

#### **Elizabeth**

Trimmed Murraya hedges and Agapanthus shrubs near stepping stone pathway  
Removed dead Diosma from rear near the car park entrance

#### **Hunter**

Trimmed Murraya hedges  
Trimmed Plumbago hedges

Hand weeded court yard gardens  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves

### **Fitzroy**

Trimmed Murraya hedges  
Hand weeded court yard gardens  
Remove scorched Agapanthus leaves

### **Lindsay**

Trimmed tall Murraya hedges  
Dead headed Agapanthus and trimmed small Murraya hedges  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves

### **Lawson**

Trimmed Bougainvillea on arbor and the Lavender shrubs near pool

### **Scarborough**

Removed large amount of leaves, sticks etc from roadway area  
Trimmed Oyster plants near the roadway  
Trimmed Murraya hedges  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves as well as Strelitzia and Gynea Lily leaves

### **Barrington**

Remove pile of green waste etc  
Trimmed Murraya hedges and removed tendrils from fence palings  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves

### **Chisholm**

Trimmed Murraya hedges and removed tendrils from fence palings  
Removed scorched Agapanthus leaves

### **Wentworth**

Trimmed Murraya hedges and removed tendrils from fence palings  
Replaced faulty irrigation sprinkler head

### **Foreshore gardens**

Watered new shrub plantings  
Sprayed for small weeds  
Lawns mowed and edged

### **All Gardens**

Removed dead palm fronds and other green waste materials  
Spayed weed killer and insecticide where needed  
Hand weeded where needed. Special effort was devoted to repairing Agapanthus shrubs badly affected by the hot weather in January

**General**

Blow and raked gutters, driveways and footpaths as part of the normal maintenance cycle each fortnight as well as more regularly attending to those areas where leaves and other green waste collect more quickly. Removed rubbish from all areas of the property. Removed rubbish from car parks. Removed small tree branches overhanging the common areas, footpaths and driveways. Collected up leaves, branches etc along Burwood Rd  
Cleaned out any rubbish/leaves from green bin storage area in Hunter

**Lawns**

Mown and edged where needed, at least twice, during the month.  
Spayed weedicide on lawns needing this treatment

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