

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

SECTION 2 INFRASTRUCTURE

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ITEM: 38 ROAD CLOSURE APPLICATION OFF TIZZANA ROAD

FILE NUMBER: P2006/250 PT02/ENG

REPORT:

Notice has been received from Department Conservation and Land Management of a road closure application on a Crown Reserve off Tizzana Road, Ebenezer, running through Lot 9 DP227211.

Several property owners have sought Council support in objecting to the road closure. Reasons given to support objections include:

- a. ready access to river for bush fire brigade units; and
- b. used by locals for access to the river and a small beach at the end of the road.

RECOMMENDATION:

That objection be lodged to the closure of the Crown Reserved Road through Lot 9 DP227211 off Tizzana Road, Ebenezer on the basis of need for use by bush fire brigade units and local residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Site map

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****** END OF ITEM 38 ******

ITEM: 39 PROPOSED CLOSURE - BEDDEK STREET, MCGRATHS HILL**FILE NUMBER:** 240/R PT02/ENG

REPORT:

Council has resolved that investigation be undertaken regarding closure of Beddek Street, McGraths Hill, at its intersection with Windsor Road.

Public comment was sought by way of:

1. advertisements in Government Gazette and Hawkesbury Gazette;
2. correspondence to adjoining/affected property owners; and
3. correspondence to relevant service/industry organisations.

Upon expiration of the comment period, two (2) submissions had been received, as follows:

1. Roads and Traffic Authority - no objection
2. NSW Police Service - recommending closure on the following grounds:
 - a. the proximity of this intersection with the major intersection of Windsor Road/Pitt Town Road;
 - b. that access to this street is gained equally from Pitt Town Road;
 - c. that motor vehicles accessing Beddek Street cause undue interruption to the traffic flow in Windsor Road, in particular west bound traffic;
 - d. that the potential for a serious motor vehicle accident due to restricted sight distance is high.
 - e. that the accident history does not reflect the true potential danger that exists; and
 - f. that many of the motor vehicles accessing Beddek Street are entering the adjoining licensed premises car park which has its own authorised access fronting Pitt Town Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to Section 116 of the Roads Act, 1993, and in accordance with delegated authority given it by the Roads and Traffic Authority, Council approve closure of Beddek Street, McGraths Hill at its intersection with Windsor Road, with a physical barrier to be placed to effect that closure, and closure be advertised.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING****FILE NUMBER:** GG021/127 PT04/ENG**REPORT:**

Advice has been received of the successful applications for funding under the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust's "Operation Healing" and the Department of Planning's Metropolitan "Greenspace" program.

The following grants have been offered to Council on a dollar for dollar basis.

Project Title	Grant Offered	Funding Required
1. Macquarie Park restoration/enhancement	\$25,000 Operation Healing \$50,000 Greenspace	) \$50,000)
2. People for Parks Bush Care Program	\$14,000	\$14,665 (\$ in kind)
3. Bligh Park Urban Runoff Retention	\$40,000	\$40,000
4. Educational Trail and Regeneration Site, Redbank Creek, North Richmond	\$7,000	\$7,000

Background to Projects

1. Macquarie Park Restoration -

At its meeting on 13th September, 1994, Council resolved to establish a committee to re-develop Macquarie Park. The Committee prepared concept plans for Stage 1 of Macquarie Park, on display at this meeting. Subsequently, applications were lodged for funding under both Greenspace and Operation Healing for various components of works shown on the concept plan.

It is proposed that \$50,000 to meet Council's contribution come from funds previously allocated to Macquarie Park Development (\$36,273), cable fencing (\$4,818) and Macquarie Park House (\$8,909).

It is also proposed to seek additional funding from the Department of Public Works.

2. "People for Park" Bushcare Program -

At its Ordinary meeting of 14th June, 1994, Council adopted a recommendation to extend its "People for Parks" program to include a Bushcare Program. To date, the "People for Parks" Program has been very successful in both increasing community involvement in parks and reducing maintenance costs incurred by day labour.

More than sixteen parks or areas of bushland have been involved in the program with groups carrying out landscaping, park design, bush regeneration/revegetation, controlling park gates and Parkwatch service.

It is proposed to conduct the Bushcare component of People for Parks utilising the \$14,000 grant offered to contribute to salaries for a Technical Assistant for the initial six month period. Council's contribution for this initial period is, in kind, by provision of existing services. That is Community Nursery running costs and materials and support to community groups.

It is further proposed to carry out an appraisal of the program after twelve months, with its future funding coming from savings in maintenance generated by groups.

3. Bligh Park Urban Runoff Retention -

Funding has previously been allocated from Bligh Park contributions, to landscape the Bligh Park Recreational Lake.

The grant of \$40,000 has been offered to further the proposed landscaping to include establishing native habitats, aquatic macrophyte beds and improve the quality of Bligh Park's urban runoff.

In addition, Greening Australia has been successful in securing two LEAP Schemes for Bligh Park Lake, providing all labour and some plant material over a nine month period.

4. Educational Trail/Regeneration Site, North Richmond -

Funding has previously been allocated within the Park Improvement Program, to carry out bush regeneration works. To date, a large area of remnant bushland along Redbank Creek has been weeded and paths constructed with assistance of TAFE, LEAP and volunteers.

It is proposed to utilise the remaining \$7,000 in this program as Council's contribution to match the grant offered, for construction of an Educational Trail and further regeneration of bushland along Redbank Creek.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The five grants be accepted from the Department of Planning 'Greenspace' program and HNCMT "Operation Healing" as follows:-
 - a) Macquarie Park, \$25,000 "Operation Healing", \$50,000 "Greenspace" with Council contribution being \$50,000 from Macquarie Park Development (\$36,273), cable fencing (\$4,818) and Macquarie Park House (\$8,909).

- b) "People for Parks" Bushcare \$14,000, "Operation Healing" with Council contribution being in kind from existing budgets.
- c) Bligh Park Urban Runoff Retention \$40,000 "Operation Healing" with Council contribution being \$40,000 from existing S94 program.
- d) Educational Nature Trail, Redbank Creek, \$7,000 "Operation Healing" with Council contribution being \$7,000 from existing Parks Improvement budgets.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 41 HAWKESBURY SWIMMING CENTRE**FILE NUMBER:** GT020/228 PT08/ENG

REPORT:

It was reported to Council when tenders for the Design and Construction of the Hawkesbury Swimming Centre were being considered, that further negotiations would be undertaken with Prospect Electricity with a view to determining the most economical energy source to be used for heating the facility. It appears that the cost involved in the supply of heat pumps and the ongoing energy cost comparison will be available just prior to the General Purpose Committee meeting and this will be reported in a supplementary report to that meeting.

At a recent meeting with the Architect who carried out the design of the Centre, Peter Hunt, he advised that during the final design stage of the project, it became apparent that a re-arrangement of the "dry" areas and amenities without altering the shape of the building architecturally to any great extent, would provide for a more functional facility. There would be no alteration to the areas of any of the facilities originally provided, including the water areas and there would be no additional cost to the facility. This proposal will also be outlined more fully in the supplementary report dealing with the Swimming Centre.

The anticipated commencement date for work on the site is 13th March, 1995.

RECOMMENDATION:

THE information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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