

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

SECTION 3 ORGANISATION & RESOURCES

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ITEM: 70 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - COUNCIL MEETINGS - COUNCILLOR H J M BOOKS

FILE NUMBER: GC280/002 PT02/GMA

REPORT:

Councillor Books has applied for leave of absence from all Council meetings during the period March 26, 1995 to mid-April, 1995 during which period he will be travelling overseas to the United Kingdom on business associated with Prospect Electricity.

RECOMMENDATION:

Leave of absence be granted to Councillor Books during the period that he will be overseas.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 71 AUSTRALIANA PIONEER VILLAGE

FILE NUMBER: GC283/107 Pt03/GMA

REPORT:

Letter received from The Friends of the Australian Pioneer Village 27th March, 1995.

"I write to you after a Friends meeting of today's date. This meeting was called to discuss the private management proposals for the Australian Pioneer Village, proposals which are to be discussed by Council on Tuesday coming.

In brief, the Friends feel that they have not been given enough time to either digest or adequately respond to the proposals which Council has before it. Additionally, the Friends feel that the representation of the current situation regarding the Village in Council's recently-printed business paper is inaccurate.

Initially, may I remind you of my letter to Divisional Manager, Paul Krix, of March 18th, 1995, where I spoke of the lack of time that the Friends were given to respond (one week)). Let me clarify the phrase "it seems unlikely that the Friends would choose to operate the Australian Pioneer Village." This phrase did not imply that the Friends definitely would not want to operate the Village, or offer suggestions as to its operation. Yet, in contradiction to the intended meaning, Council's Business Paper (28.3.95) states, on page 10 of the General Purpose Committee Section, that "... the Friends ... are not in a position to assume management of the Village." Rather, the Friends require time to formulate a final reply. Indeed, of late, a number of other possibilities have been presented to the Friends.

The Business Papers also err in the interpretation of the Village's Strategic Plan. We would like to suggest that this material be revised to reflect a more accurate view of the Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan identifies the Friends planned Capital Works Program, a Program for which we need more time to properly formulate our activities.

Finally, the Friends believe that the financial value of the work that has been done by the Friends, the Sydney Antique Machinery Club, and the Men of the Trees has in no way been taken into account. Given the figures outlined in the Business Paper, the private proposers would not be in a financial position to undertake this work.

In considering the future and best interest of the Village, therefore, we request a deferment of one month before Council proceeds with the matter. This will allow the Friends to properly consider their position and respond accordingly, and for Council to consider the matter with the full knowledge of the Friend's position. Thanking you in advance, Dawn Case, Secretary/Treasurer"

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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