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Mayoral Minutes

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At the last meeting of Council I presented a Mayoral Minute listing the issues impacting on Local Government and the Hawkesbury specifically and recommended that these be answered by candidates for the Election for the seats of Hawkesbury and Londonderry.

Following the meeting I wrote to all candidates with the only responses received to date being from Mr Adam Baczynskyj the Australian Democrats candidate for Hawkesbury. Any further responses will be reported to the next Meeting.

*"Hawkesbury City Council Information provided by Adam Baczynskyj -
Australian Democrats Candidate for Hawkesbury*

I would like to offer the following information in response to the Council's request for my views on issues that impact on Local Government generally and the Hawkesbury area. I would also like to state that it is my personal opinion that a local member should work relatively closely with the elected councils within his/her electorate. Since both are elected by the population to serve their needs, they should combine to ensure that the needs of the people within their area of responsibility are met.

As the Australian Democrats candidate for Hawkesbury I make the following comments;

Broad Local Government Issues:

Road Funding and Regional Roads - The Australian Democrats support Hawkesbury City Council's request that the State Government maintains its responsibility for improving the road network. As a local representative I would work to ensure that funds were sufficient so as to improve the standard of our local roads, something I believe is both necessary and overdue. The Australian Democrats are also committed to maintaining the current proportion of the 3x3 levy funds allocated for Council projects.

Waste Management - The Australian Democrats believe that a waste management policy should be introduced and, obviously, local government must be consulted. However, the regulations in the current Local Government Act should not be downgraded. It is essential that waste is safely contained to prevent leeching into the water table and nearby water courses.

It is also essential that waste is minimised, which will mean the introduction of container deposit legislation so that glass bottles, PET containers and cans are returned to the manufacturers for recycling or disposal by them.

Packaging must be reduced and householders must be encouraged to compost domestic waste as much as possible.

Rate Pegging - The Australian Democrats acknowledge that the whole issue of rate pegging is contentious. We would agree to an investigation of the existing rate pegging provisions to see how they could be modified to meet current needs. Like large sections of the community we have a concern that the abolition of rate pegging may cause rates to skyrocket out of proportion to the value of the properties.

In terms of the Hawkesbury, we would be most interested in finding out what works programmes the Council wishes to expand. It would also be of use to know what proportions of the current Council's rate income is being spent in different areas. I believe that many of the problems referred to by the Council can be overcome through closer co-operation between the government, the sitting member and the Council, leading to the allocation of more funds, spent more wisely.

Pensioner Rates Rebate - The Australian Democrats will work towards revising arrangements to provide subsidies for pensioners. However we do differentiate between those people solely dependent upon the age pension, who must receive 100% subsidy, and independent retirees who are financially able to pay rates. With this in mind, and before commenting further, we would be interested in the Council explaining further what it means by "pensioner rebates will be averaged across all eligible pensioners".

Amalgamation of Councils - The Australian Democrats would support the amalgamation of councils where current boundaries/areas are no longer appropriate. This would be possible only after a review of council areas or boundaries and be subject to a full public enquiry. We wholeheartedly agree that the community must be free to decide and that amalgamations cannot be forced.

Environment Planning Issues - The Australian Democrats believe that it is essential that the State has the overall control of State planning policies, particularly SEPP14. No local government should be allowed to over-ride SEPP14 when proposing local development. The obvious concerns are with the possible further degradation of wetlands, lakes, rivers, etc. With knowledge of widespread abuse of the current system, before local governments can entertain gaining prime responsibility for land use planning, they first eradicate the problem of councillors being involved in real estate and/or development.

Regional Economic Development - The Australian Democrats believe that economic development is the role of the private sector; infrastructure is the role of government. Whilst we acknowledge that there needs to be consultation between any economic development organisation and local government, we doubt that local government needs to play a leadership role in regional economic development. There should be close co-operation. A lot depends of course on the Council's definition of economic development. For example do you believe that local government should enter into a partnership with supermarket chains or other retailers in business enterprises using ratepayers' money? This is hardly the role of local government.

Law and Order - The Australian Democrats share community concern in regard to increased levels of crime against people and property. We strongly believe that the real challenge is in crime prevention - what the Government (all levels of Government) can do to avoid the problem, rather than react to individual incidences.

In regard to making parents or carers responsible for the payment of compensation or restitution of damage caused by juveniles, this proposal has not proceeded because it would be grossly inequitable. Children of wealthy parents would not necessarily gain a sense of responsibility because the parents would pay up; children of disadvantaged parents would be further disadvantaged.

The Australian Democrats believe that restitution of damage can be better provided by the expansion of community service orders, the introduction of juvenile justice panels, where the young offender is brought face-to-face with the victim and made to fully understand the impact of their actions. It is believed that the young person should be responsible for the payment of compensation to the victim, this can be done over a period of time and may include compensation in kind and not purely monetary. For example, the young offender might clean windows, mow lawns or do other valuable services for the victim rather than simply paying what in fact, amounts to a fine.

We agree that there needs to be a significant increase in both Police numbers and their support services and mechanisms. We also see properly managed community based facilities as an important means of crime prevention.

LOCAL ISSUES

Public Transport - The significant improvement of the current public transport system in the Hawkesbury is central to my platform. It will have substantial benefits for living standards, individual well-being and our environment.

Improved bus services are a necessity, particularly when one recognises that much of the Hawkesbury's residential areas are away from main shopping centres and rail. The Government is already considering proposals to extend subsidies to the western areas. This being the case, and with a strong argument in terms of government savings from not providing sufficient and necessary services to the Hawkesbury in the past, funding is not foreseen as a significant obstacle.

Having grown up in a railway family, the train situation has long been a sore point. The timetable can be improved so that trains are no longer terminated short of their destination, rather painlessly. Past reviews and upgrading of the timetable have failed to give any recognition to the needs of the Hawkesbury. The most likely reason for this is the soon to be eroded political situation of being regarded as a 'safe seat'.

These matters will receive my highest personal priority. They will be addressed immediately upon election. I also recognise the need for better organisation and provision for commuter vehicles whether they be car or bicycle.

Windsor Road -The upgrading of Windsor Road should have occurred along with the upgrading of main road arteries in other areas, some time ago. There is no member of the Hawkesbury who is not aware of the pressing need to both relieve current traffic congestion and avoid further congestion on this road. It is long overdue in the Hawkesbury and a suitable proposal would receive my support. However I acknowledge that such roadworks require the allocation of significant funds and this may not be possible immediately. I would commit to ensuring that whoever is in Government after March 25, commence work on this project within the next four years.

Funding and Operation of Emergency Services -My commitment to improvements in the funding allocation for these areas has already been displayed. Our Australian Democrats Leader in NSW, the Honourable Elisabeth Kirkby MLC, has already taken up in parliament on my behalf, the need to increase funding and resources for Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades in the Hawkesbury. Requirements for the State Emergency Services also easily fit into the category of what I call essential services, needing urgent financial assistance. As the sitting member I would personally be able to continue the fight for a better deal in the Hawkesbury. I would also continue the Australian Democrats attempts to ensure that Bush Fire Brigade members are given leave with pay from their employment in order to attend compulsory training sessions that will increase their skills and secure their safety.

Improved Reticulated Water and Sewerage Services - Reticulated water and sewerage services should of course be provided. The Hawkesbury is in an ideal position to lead the way in terms of reuse programs, it needs only for the Government to realise the possibilities and benefits. Long term, such systems are a potential way to make the most of such a precious resource as water. Once again funding should be approached in terms of long term benefits and savings. Any Government able to look beyond their term would see it as a responsible investment in our future.

Plans for the Development of the Area - As an Australian Democrats, I would support development possibilities that were in the long term interests of the Hawkesbury. It would be difficult to gain my support for projects that could not be shown to fit in with an agreed long term plan for the area. I would approach it in terms of gaining a thorough knowledge of what the majority of Hawkesbury residents want for their area. Any future development would be required to fit our rural and historical nature.

District Court House and Police Station Facilities - Increased police services and facilities are part of my campaign platform. The Hawkesbury area has grown and it needs these services to grow with it.

Flood Free Access - I have significant personal concerns about the possible result of providing flood free access. I see it as a potential catalyst for massive development on the western side of the river. I could not support it unless I could be completely certain that it would not have a serious adverse effect on our area and environment.

Perhaps a proposal to provide an alternate route which could only be used in extreme times of need is the best short term option, if the people of the Hawkesbury believe that flood free access is a real necessity.

Flood Mitigation - I believe that we have messed with the natural water flow of the Hawkesbury River enough. We currently witness the extreme adverse environmental effects of our past mistakes. Of course common sense says that you should not build on a floodplain. However heading into the Twenty-first century I am optimistic that new innovative ways of providing significant and harmless means of flood mitigation will come to hand.

National Parks in the Hawkesbury District - It is desirable to expand the number and nature of National Parks in the Hawkesbury District. Already blessed with the Hawkesbury River, an extensive National Parks system would verify our long term benefits from a tourist industry. With the rest of the world, and indeed much of Australia, quickly eradicating species and environment we could place ourselves in an extremely productive position. We must of course, do all we can to provide proper and extensive protection for those National Parks we already have.

Castlereagh Waste Depot - The Australian Democrats have publicly stated on many occasions that the Castlereagh Waste Depot should be closed as soon as possible.

Water Quality in the Hawkesbury River - We obviously need urgent and immediate action to solve the problems involved with our water quality. This requires not only a significant effort to improve the quality of the water but a concerted effort to deal with the causes of the problems. The adverse effects of urban runoff and other pollutants running into the river need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. Funding should not be a problem - who can put a price on the environment? The blue-green algae problem must be resolved immediately. Of course what is needed is not talk but action.

Urban Consolidation - Urban consolidation proposals would be considered as prepared. In regard to Hobartville, I agree with the Council that this was an excellent opportunity wasted.

In conclusion I would like to make the following comments: After March 25, the most likely outcome is another minority government (in which party's favour no-one really knows). The balance of power in the Upper House is once again up for grabs, with the Australian Democrats once again likely to play a significant role. If the member for Hawkesbury was an Australian Democrats, we would be in an excellent position to make up for all the things we have missed out on in the past. With this scenario, and from the experiences of current Independents and in marginal seats, neither funding nor timeframe would be of significant concern. The Government of the day will be keen to see that the desperate needs of Hawkesbury electorate are met.

At the very least, the Hawkesbury electorate needs to become marginal so that we can gain some importance in a political structure full of disparity.

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Mayoral Minute

Each vote for me is a step towards a better Hawkesbury, the aim of the Australian Democrats, Hawkesbury City Council and the people.

A. Baczynskyj"

Councillor Rex Stubbs
MAYOR
CITY OF HAWKESBURY

***** END OF MAYORAL MINUTES *****

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Section 2 Notices of Motion

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No Notices of Motion Were Submitted

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No Rescission Notices Were Submitted

***** END OF NOTICES OF MOTION OF RESCISSION *****

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Section 3

Report of the General Purpose Committee

Report of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 28 February 1995, commencing at 9.30am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillor R G Calvert, H J M Books, B N Keegan, P J Minturn, C A Paine, M G Parsons, P E Rogers, L C Sheather and W J Sledge.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W J Mackay and H Williams.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather and seconded by Councillor Books that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather and seconded by Councillor Keegan that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 31 January, 1995, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

120: RESIDENTIAL REZONING - PT LOT 6 DP39166 AND LOT 1 DP563924 PITT TOWN ROAD AND WOLSELEY STREET, MCGRATHS HILL - GRAHAM PRICE PTY LTD (LEP15/94/EVD)

Owner:	Graham Price Pty Limited
Stat. Provisions:	Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan, 1989
Area:	4.264 hectares
Zone:	Rural 1(c)
Advertising:	Not required
Date Received:	4 November, 1994

Key Issues:

- ♦ Flood liability
- ♦ Water and sewerage
- ♦ Amenity
- ♦ Site contamination

Action:

That Council prepare a Draft Local Environmental Plan.

Mr Glenn Falson, for the applicant, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

COUNCIL SUPPORT A Draft Local Environmental Plan to rezone to Residential 2(a) that part of the property generally above RL 15.0m AHD to be subdivided into lots with an area not less than 1000m², with the land filled to a maximum of RL 16.0m AHD and dwellings elevated with a minimum floor level of RL 17.3m AHD.

121: TWO LOT SUBDIVISION LOT 6 DP17870 NO 28 GROSE WOLD ROAD, GROSE WOLD - APPLICANT: R G & C O PATTISON (SA14/95/EVD)

Owner: R G & C O Pattison
Stat. Provisions: Hawkesbury LEP, 1989
Area: 17.63ha
Zone: Rural 1(b)
Advertising: not required
Date Received: 25 January, 1995

Key Issues:

- ♦ Contrary to LEP minimum area provisions
- ♦ Appropriateness of use of SEPP 1
- ♦ Building area for rear lot
- ♦ Access

Action:

Approval

Mr G Pattison, applicant, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out.

122: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING COTTAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE (5)
VILLA UNITS - LOTS 18 & 23 SECTION 10 14 ARNDELL STREET, WINDSOR
(DA317/94/EVD)

Owner: J F & G S Blakefield
Stat. Provisions: Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989, 1989
Area: 1,447m²
Zone: Residential 2(a)
Advertising: Adjoining owners notified with one objection being received
Date Received: 5 December 1994

Key Issues:

- ♦ Streetscape
- ♦ Flooding
- ♦ Whether an over development of the site
- ♦ Access

Action:

Approval under delegated authority provided applicant can demonstrate satisfactory grades for access to the garage under Unit 1 and to the units at the rear.

Mr Glenn Falson, for the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Miss O'Brien, objector, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out.

123: PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND LAND SWAP - LOT 1016 DP 241424 NO. 53 CASTLEREAGH ROAD AND LOT THE ADJOINING PUBLIC RESERVE BEING LOT 1070. APPLICANT: R W ROSE (P378.450/0/EVD)

Owner: Mr J Mrs A Galea
 Stat. Provisions: Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989
 Local Government Act 1993
 Area: 752 square metres
 Zone: Lot 1016 is zoned Residential 2(a) and the public reserve is zoned Open Space 6(a)
 Advertising: Not required
 Date Received: 4 February 1995

Key Issues:

- ♦ Dealing in Open Space/Community Land

Action:

Prepare a draft local environmental plan

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A DRAFT LOCAL environmental plan be prepared to permit the proposed boundary adjustment.

124: SUBDIVISION TO CREATE SIX ALLOTMENTS - LOT 14 DP202803 NO. 260 TERRACE ROAD, FREEMANS REACH. APPLICANT: FALSON & ASSOCIATES (SA118/94/EVD)

Owner: Mr & Mrs C Roseleur
 Stat. Provisions: Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989
 SEPP 1 - Development Standards
 Area: 2.424 ha
 Zone: Environmental Protection Scenic 7(d1)
 Advertising: Not required
 Date Received: 7 October 1994

Key Issues:

- ♦ Non compliance with HLEP 1989

- ♦ Disposal of effluent
- ♦ Available building area

Action:

SEPP No. 1 support and approval under delegated authority provided the applicant can demonstrate by a geotechnical report that each lot has sufficient suitable land for the erection of a dwelling and the on-site disposal of effluent considering soil types, soil cover and slope.

Mr Glenn Falson, applicant, addressed the Committee.

Councillor Rogers declared an interest in this matter.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

SEPP NO. 1 support and approval be given under delegated authority provided the applicant can demonstrate by a geotechnical report that each lot has sufficient suitable land for the erection of a dwelling and the on-site disposal of effluent considering the building line, soil types, soil cover and slope.

125: ERECTION OF CLASS 10 (OUTBUILDINGS) ON FLOOD AFFECTED LAND (GT160/001/EVD)COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THE HAWKESBURY ENVIRONMENTAL Plan 1989 Clause 25(2) be amended by adding the word "habitable" before the word "building".
2. A policy be adopted that requires all building work in flood affected areas to conform to the requirements of the "Flood Plain Manual" in respect to design and materials used for construction.

126: REMOVAL OF TREE - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL FLAT BUILDING - LOT 19 DP4906 6 TOXANA STREET, RICHMOND - APPLICANT: R MILES OF FERNBRAN CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LIMITED (DA236/94/EVD)

Mr D Bradshaw, objector, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE TREE BE trimmed as per Council's resolution of 8 November 1994.

127: DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (GW010/023 PT02/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. AN APPROPRIATE pricing structure based on a cubic metre rate for all vehicles be fixed following submission of a further report on depot operating costs. Further, if necessary, an interim volume charge be fixed (other than car boots, utes and small trailers) if there are delays in determining the pricing structure.
2. The operation of South Windsor Waste Depot be altered to incorporate disposal at a material recovery area.
3. Only sorted materials be accepted at South Windsor Waste Depot when the materials recovery area has been established.
4. Discussions be held with local community groups regarding the establishment of a home mulching service.
5. A further report be submitted on the recycling service and waste minimisation via the waste collection service, following a three month review of the performance of the recycling contractor and that the contractor be advised accordingly.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At the GPC of 28 February 1995 Council requested a further report comparing the price structure at South Windsor Waste Depot to other landfill facilities.

Location	Car Boots Station Wagons	Car trailers Utes, Panel Vans	Trucks
Waste Service	\$7.00 min	\$7.00 min	\$59.30/tonne
	\$59.30/tonne	\$59.30/tonne	
Blue Mountains	\$2.50	\$8.00	min \$20 = \$75/tonne
Kimbriki	\$2.50	\$10.00	\$48.80/tonne
South Windsor	\$2.60	\$4.20 min/standard trailer load max \$16.80	\$31/m ³

NB: A single standard load car trailer = 0.2 tonne

It is difficult to compare truck tonnages to volume rates

BMCC assess waste on volume subject to cubic metre conversion to tonne by waste class. Kimbriki and the Waste Service also apply different tonnage rates depending on the type of waste. The rates used in the table are in the 'mixed waste' category, which most closely equates to the South Windsor rates.

While most landfill operators use a weight based pricing system it is the volume of the waste which fills up the landfill cell and is obviously the most critical factor. The nature and type of waste is also important and will affect the handling and disposal costs

It is necessary to educate the community on the real costs of waste disposal and the importance of waste minimisation. To assist this the volume based price system should continue but be assessed on sorted loads to maximise recycling and reuse of materials and the life of the waste depot.

128: SUBDIVISION TO CREATE TWO ALLOTMENTS - LOT 13 DP25309 7 PECKS ROAD, KURRAJONG HEIGHTS. APPLICANT: JOHN BOWDEN & CO (A CURRALL) (SA115/92/EVD)

Mr A Currall, applicant, addressed the Committee.

Ms J Bridson and Mr P Nolan, objectors, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE APPLICATION BE refused for the following reasons:

1. The subdivision does not comply with the minimum allotment size outlined in Clause 12(1)(b) of Hawkesbury LEP 1989.
2. The proposal is not in the public interest as evidenced by objections to the subdivision.
3. Suitable residential development could not be provided on the proposed lots.
4. Inadequate provision is made for vehicular access to proposed lot 100 and the expected resultant development.
5. Lack of suitable land for effluent disposal.

129: PROPOSED REZONING FROM RESIDENTIAL 2(C) TO SPECIAL BUSINESS 3(B)
PT LOT 2 DP207634 12 MACQUARIE STREET, WINDSOR - APPLICANT:
HAWKESBURY VALLEY HOLDEN (LEP12/94/EVD)

Mr R Vernon addressed the Committee.

Councillor Rogers declared an interest in this matter.

1. COUNCIL RESOLVE TO prepare a draft LEP to rezone Pt Lot 2 DP 207634, No 12 Macquarie Street, Windsor, from Residential 2(c) to Special Business 3(b).
2. The applicant be advised that it will need to demonstrate that there is adequate provision on site for the loading and unloading of car transporters.

130: TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - BUSH FIRE HAZARDS AND AMENDMENTS
TO THE AREAS COVERED BY THE TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (GT070/006 PT2,
GE020/031 PT4/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. COUNCIL'S TREE PRESERVATION Order be amended to include the latest amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Model Provisions, 1980, which came into effect on 16 December, 1994, in relation to bush fire hazards.
2. Council's Tree Preservation Order be amended so that land zoned Residential 2(a) with an area of 2000m² or less be excluded from the requirements of the Order, except for Residential 2(a) zoned land situated in the areas of Bowen Mountain, Kurrajong and Kurrajong Heights.
3. That a "Significant Tree Register" be compiled as outlined in this report to protect trees not covered by the Tree Preservation Order.
4. That a Draft Development Control Plan be prepared to support the "Significant Tree Register" which would be placed on public exhibition for comment prior to adoption.
5. That Council employ the services of a horticultural consultant to assist in the identification of "Potential Koala Habitats" (as reported to the January GPC), "Remnant Vegetation", "Trees that Present a Significant Fire Hazard" and to assist in the compilation of the "Significant Tree Register".

131: PROPOSED REZONING OF KEMSLEY DOWNS AT NORTH RICHMOND FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (LAND BOUNDED BY GROSE VALE ROAD, BELLS ROAD, REDBANK CREEK AND PECKS ROAD)
(SA97/86, SA94/88, P722.2509)

Messrs S Simmons, G Falson and A Currall, for the applicant, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT the potential of possible development of the Kemsley Downs property for residential purposes by preparing a draft LEP and further that Council support in principle the provision of reticulated water from Cranebrook to South Windsor as a means of servicing additional urban development on the Kemsley Downs property at North Richmond.

132: CARAVAN PARK AND BANK REGRADING - LOT 1 DP617232 AND LOT 201 DP632354 PITT TOWN BOTTOMS ROAD, PITT TOWN. MR WERNER (DA119/93/EVD)

Mr Glenn Falson, for the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Messrs J Ryan, R Hodgskin, J Fitzgibbon and J Ellison, Mrs Phyllis Phippard and Mr C Ellison, objectors, addressed the Committee.

The General Manager read a letter from the Department of Public Works which contained a section dealing with this application.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

- A. THE APPLICANT'S SEPP No 1 objection be refused for the following reasons
1. An extractive industry from the property is prohibited.
 2. The subject property is significantly flood affected and the proposal does not provide adequate evacuation procedures in times of flood.
 3. The adverse impact of caravan parks within floodways.
 4. Not in the public interest.
 5. Not consistent with the objectives of the 7(d1) Environment Protection (Scenic) Zone.
 6. Not consistent with the aims and objectives of the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 20 - Hawkesbury-Nepean River.

133: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY - DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT (GT225/018/PT01/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT Protection Authority be advised:

1. Local Government should be consulted in the designation of recreational sites for which water quality objectives will be set;
2. Further consultation should take place following the drafting of strategies for air quality;
3. Future reviews of the draft are to include consultation with Local Government and the success or otherwise, of the strategies is to be assessed incorporating the principles of Total Catchment Management;
4. The contribution of Local Government in the areas of education and policy development is supported.

134: WASTE OIL RECYCLING - PROGRESS REPORT (GW010/011 PT08/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE INFORMATION BE received.

135: SUBDIVISIONS (SA19/95, SA136/94/EVD)

Mr P Laurence of Don Fox Planning addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THESE MATTERS be dealt with separately.

SA19/95 - TWO LOT SUBDIVISION - 264 EAST KURRAJONG ROAD, EAST KURRAJONG - LOT 2 DP246945 - APPLICANT: NIGHTINGALE AND GOLDSWORTHY

- A. That the applicant's SEPP 1 objection not be supported.
- B. That the application be refused for the following reasons :-

1. Neither of the proposed allotments comply with and are significantly less than the 4 (four) hectare minimum lot size for land zoned Rural 1(c1) as prescribed in Clause 11 of Hawkesbury LEP 1989.
2. Lot 2 has an insufficient area to support on-site disposal and is therefore unsatisfactory in terms of Clause 18(1) of Hawkesbury LEP 1989.
3. The proposed Lot 2 has an unsatisfactory shape.
4. Support for the proposal would create an undesirable precedent.

SA 136/94 - TWO LOT SUBDIVISION - LOT 19 SECTION 3 25 WELLS STREET, PITT TOWN - APPLICANT: FALSON AND ASSOCIATES

Councillor Rogers declared an interest in this matter.

THE INFORMATION BE received.

136: SEPP NO. 1 SUBDIVISION - REFERRAL OF APPLICATIONS TO COUNCIL AND DETERMINATIONS UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY (GT190/001PT02/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE INFORMATION CONCERNING the processing of SEPP No. 1 subdivisions be received.

137: THREE LOT SUBDIVISION N°10 TALLOW WOOD CLOSE, WILBERFORCE, - LOT 10 DP 247168 - APPLICANT: FALSON AND ASSOCIATES (SA0015/95/EVD)

Councillor Rogers declared an interest in this matter.

Mr G Hardaker, owner and Mr G Falson, applicant, addressed the Committee.

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out.

The Committee inspected the site at 5.45 pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillors H J M Books, C A Paine, B N Keegan, P J Minturn, L C Sheather and W J Sledge.

As there was not a quorum a recommendation was not made.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

43: PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES (GT230/005 PT02, GM001/024 PT01/ENG)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE COMMENTS OUTLINED regarding the "No Standing/No Stopping" regulation, the maximum gross vehicle mass of a vehicle allowed to park in a built up area, the use of paint on kerbs to indicate parking restrictions, and the ability of bicycles to be ridden in a bus lane being the rule rather than the exception be forwarded to the Project Manager, Australian Road Rules.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Part 2 Speed Limits

The current regulation regarding the towing of trailers requires that a vehicle towing a trailer weighing greater than 750kg (typically the upper limit for box trailers) is limited to a general speed limit of 90kph. For vehicles towing trailers of less than 750kg the usual speed limits apply.

Under the proposed Australian road rules this regulation would be removed, that is, all vehicles towing trailers would be subject to the same speed limits applying to vehicles not towing trailers.

Part 10 - Using Lanes, Keeping Left and Overtaking

With regard to trucks using lanes, the current regulation requires that if you are driving or riding on a road or part of a road where the speed limit is more than 80kph, or you are driving or riding within a "Keep Left Unless Overtaking" zone, you must, if practicable, keep your vehicle out of the lane closest to the dividing strip or centre line, except when overtaking or indicating an intention to turn right. This rule does not apply on roads where there is more than one marked lane to the left of the centre line or dividing strip and the speed limit is less than 80kph and the proposed road rules do not indicate any change to that situation.

44: "BATTLE OF THE BANDS" - YOUTH WEEK 1995 (PK202/ENG)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE YOUTH WEEK 1995 proposal for "Battle of the Bands" in Richmond Park be approved.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

57: PROPOSED ALCOHOL FREE ZONE - MCGRATHS HILL (GP070/001 PT04/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. COUNCIL ADVERTISE AND invite public comment on the proposal to create an Alcohol Free Zone on the block bounded by Redhouse Crescent, Phillip Place, Books Crescent and the McGraths Hill Community Centre.

58: 1A GREENWAY CRESCENT, WINDSOR (P740/15 PT02/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

NOTICE BE GIVEN to Mr Ghantous to terminate the existing Occupancy Agreement.

59: PROVISION OF ALL-WEATHER MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING - AUSTRALIAN PIONEER VILLAGE (P2355/0585 PT01/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THE INFORMATION be received.
2. Consideration be given to the provision of a multi-purpose all-weather building at the Australian Pioneer Village in conjunction with the preparation of the 1995/1996 Estimates.

60: TOURISM HAWKESBURY (GT050/005 PT4/CSV)

Mr G Riley, Chairman and Group Captain P Rasmussen, Board Member, Tourism Hawkesbury Inc., addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE INFORMATION BE received.

61: WINDSOR FUNCTION CENTRE (GC283/45 PT09/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THE INFORMATION IN this report be received and noted.

62: MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FEBRUARY 1995 (GF001/004 PT4/FNC)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

63: BUSHFIRE BRIGADE - RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS BRIGADE (GF010/043 P(02/GMA))

Mr D Ryan, Headquarters Brigade Captain, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A development application be prepared for the Thorley Road - George Street site providing for the maximum distance between existing residences and the proposed Bush Fire Brigade Station.

A plan of management for all that land (indicated as Proposed Recreation Area, Passive) between Colonial Drive and Thorley Road be prepared incorporating the development proposal.

Such application to address all the issues raised by the residents to date.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Rogers referred to the number of times to-day that he had to declare an interest on various items and the confusion in identifying in advance as to who is the owner, and who is the applicant when dealing with matters dealing with Mr Falson and asked if this could be more clearly indicated in all future reports.
2. Councillor Rogers referred to his previous request for a copy of a lease of property at Yarramundi. He advised that he had a meeting with a concerned citizen this Friday and asked if the lease could be made available by Friday so that he can discuss it with him.
3. Councillor Rogers asked if Council had notice as to whether the Local Government & Shires Associations will be having public seminars prior to the September Elections for citizens interested in learning about serving in public life.

The General Manager stated that there is some indication that they will have, but they will not be held locally. It may be that the Council, if it so wishes, will have to arrange its own independent ones locally as it did last time.

Councillor Rogers asked if this could be followed up.

4. Councillor Minturn asked why was Council not doing RTA inspections any more at the Depot.

The Divisional Manager Engineering Operations advised that up until now the staff did not have the qualifications to carry out the inspections. There was a change in the system on 6th January. It went from just a trial of the RTA inspections to the Authorised Uninsured Vehicle Inspection Scheme and staff had to get requalified for that scheme.

5. Councillor Sheather referred to Macquarie Street, Wilberforce and the section in the low area where it is proposed to be stabilised and asked when will the program be carried out.

The General Manager advised that the work has been carried out.

6. Councillor Sheather referred to roadworks carried out at the other end of Wilberforce and stated that the "Give Way" signs have not been remarked and asked if this could be done.
7. Councillor Sheather referred to the condition of the approaches to the majority of the bridges throughout the Hawkesbury, one in particular being in Crooked Lane or at the end of Slopes Road which is extremely bad. He stated that the roads either dip or are raised. He asked if all of these approaches could be looked at.
8. Councillor Sheather referred to Sackville Ferry, and the nine car ferry. He stated that the ferry there now is dangerous. The cars parked in the middle row cannot open their doors.

If there is one truck on the ferry, at a maximum it will only take two cars. It is a major problem. Every week since the ferry has been there, there have been hours of that particular week when the ferry has been off. He asked if this could be addressed.

The Divisional Manager Engineering Operations advised that to the best of his knowledge it is a twelve car ferry. There was a proposal to exchange that ferry with the Mortlake Ferry, and the decision was made by the RTA not to proceed with the exchange.

9. Councillor Sledge asked if Council has received an application for a resited dwelling on the Anglican Church land next to the Freemans Reach tennis courts, and if so, when will it be coming before Council.

The Divisional Manager Environment & Development undertook to ascertain whether an application had been received.

10. Councillor Parsons sought advice as to the reason why Mr Hardaker's application was brought up as a late item.

The General Manager advised that he thought it was as a result of Mr Hardaker's representations. Also there were some representations by Councillors to have it brought forward and as there are a number of other similar SEPP1s, it seemed appropriate that they be dealt with together.

The Mayor advised that Mr Hardaker was also given the option to have it brought before the next General Purpose Committee as an alternative and he chose this General Purpose Committee meeting.

11. Councillor Parsons asked if there has been any applications approved for a market garden and tree felling on Terrace Road, North Richmond.

The Divisional Manager Environment & Development advised that this was approved at the last meeting.

Councillor Parsons asked if the quality of the work could be checked.

12. Councillor Keegan sought advice on the results of the solutions put on the roads to reduce the dust problem. He also sought advice as to the cost.

The Divisional Manager Engineering Operations advised that two dust suppressants were used on the dirt roads. He undertook to advise Councillor Keegan on the first one, the second one being a salt based solution which seemed to work pretty well. He undertook to report on the costs of both experiments.

The Mayor vacated the Chair and left the meeting.

The Deputy Mayor then took the Chair.

13. Councillor Books referred to his previous request regarding weed growth in Pitt Town Lagoon. He has been advised that the weed growth is now 3 (three) metres high. He asked if the River Trust has any authority.

The General Manager advised that he is unaware whether the River Trust has any authority, however, someone did write letters to Mr Rozzoli and the National Parks & Wildlife Service concerning Councillor Books' motion regarding the use of that area and he has not seen any response.

14. Councillor Books stated that he had been advised by some of the farmers that Bardenarang Creek has a lot of water hyacinth in it. He asked if this could be referred to the Government to do something about it in the future.

Councillor Sheather advised that he brought this matter up at the Regional Co-ordinating Committee of the Trust and the EPA is looking into it. There should be a report back to the Trust within a month. He undertook to take the matter up with the Trust to report back to Council.

15. Councillor Paine stated that a blind gentleman who travels on the train from Riverstone to Windsor each day had asked some eighteen months to have some noise monitor device put on the lights. It was approved at the Traffic Committee meeting. She asked if it could be ascertained as to when these noise devices will be installed.

16. Councillor Rogers referred to correspondence received from Master Plan Consultants dated 23rd February, 1995 dealing with an objection to the proposed Mushroom Composting at Tinda Creek. In addition to this document, representations from a constituent were made that it may be that Council's legal advice in relation to an issue dealing with the questions of quantity of material was obtained on the August provisions of the EPA Act whereas there were some amendments in September which show a different light on the issue of concerns dealing with quantities of materials. He asked if this could be followed up with some urgency.

The Divisional Manager Environment & Development advised that he had forwarded the letter from Master Plan along with another lengthy letter received from the Currawong Foundation which also raises some legal points, to Council's Solicitors. All the points will be gone through before the matter is determined and they will be reported on.

Councillor Rogers suggested that it may be appropriate, because of the confidentiality of the matter, that it might be further reported to the next Legal Consultative Committee meeting as well.

17. Councillor Paine asked what is happening about the Workshop that was proposed to be held on the Sunday.

The General Manager advised that he had taken the matter up with the Mayor to-day, who indicated that the response to the Sunday was not particularly good. He was looking to have the Workshop on an evening. The General Manager outlined the many issues that need to be addressed.

The Deputy Mayor undertook to convey to the Mayor that the consensus of opinion was that a similar situation would be preferred as was held last year and they definitely did not want a weekend situation.

QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

1. Mr Neville Diamond referred to the proposed mushroom Composting at Tinda Creek and stated that the water content in mushroom composting is 1 tonne for 1 tonne of compost. If the water content is cut by 87%, there is no pump on the creek, the only place they can get water is from the bore, the bore is legally licensed at 10 megalitres which is 10,000 tonnes of water. They need 100,000 tonnes of water. Does that mean therefore that they will only be doing 156 tonnes of compost per week.

The Divisional Manager Environment & Development stated that he agreed with that proposition that they will be making less compost.

The meeting then adjourned for inspections, the time being 5.25 pm.

The meeting terminated at 6.00pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 28 March, 1995.

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Mayor

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Section 4 Reports for Determination

ITEM: 169

HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST -
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

FILE NUMBER: GP021/001 PT03/GMA

REPORT:

The Local Government & Shires Associations of NSW have been invited to make two nominations to the Community Consultative Council of the Trust.

The Community Consultative Council is to provide independent advice to the Minister for Land and Water Conservation on:

- matters affecting the health of the catchment
- issues to be addressed by the Trust
- matters requested by the Trust

Representatives from the other groups to be on the Council have already been appointed, however, only one nomination has been received by the Associations to date from Camden Council.

The Associations have sought from other Councils in the Trust's area nominations of a Councillor with an interest in this area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council make a nomination for a representative on the Community Consultative Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**** END OF ITEM 169 ****

ITEM: 170

AFFIXING OF COUNCIL SEAL

FILE NUMBER: GC283/104 PT02 GC283/023, GP090/007 PT01 & GC283/130 PT1/CSV

REPORT:

Residential Lease

Lease of Unit 11 John Tebbutt Mews to Glenn and Jennifer Phillips for a period of 26 weeks at a commencing weekly rental of \$190. Tenant pays power, phone and water consumption.

Lease

Lease of Shop 7 Wilberforce Shopping Centre to Mrs Luan Clenton-Tekstra for a period of three (3) years with a three (3) year option at a commencing annual rental of \$11700.00 plus outgoings ie approximately \$1,300.00 per annum. Mrs Clenton-Tekstra has purchased the hair dressing business from the former tenant Mrs Lisa Rowsell (nee Train).

Declaration of Relationship

Between the Council and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

Assignment of Lease

Assignment of the Lease to Wilberforce Garden Nursery of a site within Wilberforce Shopping Centre. Lease to be assigned from Mahaffey and Associates to Mr Alan and Mrs Joyce Armstrong of South Maroota. Lease term is 3 (three) years with a 2 (two) year option and commenced on 1 April 1994 and the current rental is \$220 per week including outgoings.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Council Seal affixed to the abovementioned documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NAX.C03

**** END OF ITEM 170 ****

ITEM: 171

HAWKESBURY MUSEUM'S TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE -
DONATION

FILE NUMBER: GF008/014 PT02/CSV

REPORT:

A request has been made by the Hawkesbury District Tourist Association for a donation for the running costs of the museum.

In previous years a donation of \$500 has been made towards the museum's running costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

A donation of \$500 (five hundred) be made to the Hawkesbury Museum and Tourist Information Centre towards running costs for 1995.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NBX.C01

**** END OF ITEM 171 ****

ITEM: 172

ROAD CLOSURE & PURCHASE APPLICATION

FILE NUMBER: GR080/051 PT01, DA328/94 PT01/CSV

REPORT:

Application has been received from the Department of Housing for the closure of a portion of laneway which runs off Ham Street to the rear of the Windsor Pool. A plan will be displayed at the meeting.

The closure is required by the Department as it plans to redevelop its existing lots for new integrated housing.

In accordance with the Roads Act (1993) and Council policy, the proposal was publicly advertised and submissions were invited. At the close of the advertising period no public submissions were received.

However, as Council will be aware, it is proposed to upgrade the Swimming Pool. In this instance, the laneway has been identified as forming an integral part of a service access to the upgraded swimming facilities.

Closure of the laneway is therefore not supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The closure of the public laneway running between Lots 1, 4, 5 and 7 of DP212074 (Ham Street, South Windsor) be refused on the grounds that it provides continuing access to the Windsor Swimming Centre for service vehicles.
2. The Department of Housing be advised of the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NBX.C02

**** END OF ITEM 172 ****

ITEM: 173 SALE OF VACANT LAND - 978 BELLS LINE OF ROAD,
 KURRAJONG HILLS

FILE NUMBER: GC285/032 PT01/CSV

REPORT:

As part of a number of land resumptions for road widening along Hermitage Road, Kurrajong, Council acquired property known as Lots 4 and 5 DP791743 located at the corner of Bells Line of Road and Hermitage Road. The lots were acquired for \$70,000. Lot 4 with an area of 684m² was utilised for road widening purposes with a residue of 4428m² remaining being Lot 5.

The land was identified as being surplus to operational requirements and its sale recommended as part of the property development strategy reported to Council initially on 28 June 1994.

Subsequently, a valuation was sought and marketing of the property has occurred with little interest shown. The block, although covering an area of 4428m² is steeply sloped and has only a small level area for a building platform adjacent to the Bells Line of Road. Construction of a dwelling is limited by this restriction and would be suited to a pole home.

Some offers have been received for the block in the range of \$40,000 which is well below the market value range as determined by consultant valuers K D Wood and Associates. An offer of \$82,000 has now been negotiated with Mr R M & Mrs M J Pyke through the agent, Wilkinsons at Kurrajong. This offer is in line with the value range provided by K D Wood and Associates.

Having regard to the original purchase price, topography of the block, previous marketing efforts and offers received, the offer of \$82,000 by Mr & Mrs Pyke is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Lot 5 DP791743 be sold to Mr R M & Mrs M J Pyke for the sum of \$82,000 (eighty two thousand).
2. All necessary documents be completed under Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NBX.C12

**** END OF ITEM 173 ****

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: 14 March 1995

Item: 174

ITEM: 174

**ANZAC MARCH & COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE RICHMOND
SUB BRANCH, RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE**

FILE NUMBER: GC030/002PT02/ENG

REPORT:

Advising that the annual Anzac March and Commemorative Service will be held on Sunday 23 April 1995 at the War Memorial, Richmond Park and traverse the following route:

1. Commence from East Market Street outside the Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Club at 2.00pm from then proceed along East Market Street.
2. Turn right into Windsor Street.
3. Along Windsor Street turning left into West Market Street.
4. Along West Market Street turning left into March Street.
5. Along March Street turning left into Richmond Park about mid-way between West Market Street and East Market Street and proceed through the Park to the Richmond War Memorial.

At the conclusion of the Service and wreath laying at approximately 3.30pm the march to proceed directly along East Market Street returning to the commencing point outside the Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Club.

The application is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval be granted to the application by Richmond Sub Branch Returned and Services League to conduct the Anzac March over the nominated route and Commemorative Service in Richmond Park between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, Sunday 23 April 1995, subject to the Club obtaining the approval of NSW Police Service and Roads and Traffic Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NBX.E13

**** END OF ITEM 174 ****

ITEM: 175 **WISEMANS CREEK FERRY SERVICE - CONTRACT OPERATION**

FILE NUMBER: GT020/256 PT01/ENG

REPORT:

Tenders for the three year operation of the Wisemans Ferry Service have been invited and following tenders were received:

Tenderer	Amount
Macca's Ferry Service	\$497,772
Ferry and District Services	\$510,000
Statewide Maintenance and Contracting Shad Wall	\$521,736
Paul Carroll	\$576,000
Phillip Pope	\$594,000
P K & S S Ferry Contracting Services	\$596,500

The current contractor, Mr A Barron did not tender.

The lowest tenderer, Macca's Ferry Services, has operated Webb's Creek Ferry Service for the last six months in a satisfactory manner.

Discussions have been held with Mr B McGlynn of that firm and he proposes to perform contract with four employees in addition to himself.

On this basis it would appear that the contract will be carried out in accordance with the "Wire" Drawn Ferries Award (State) and specification for operation of Ferry.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The tender of Macca's Ferry Service in the amount of \$497,772 (four hundred and ninety seven thousand and seven hundred and seventy two dollars) for the contract operation of Wisemans Ferry ferry service for a 3 (three) year period be recommended to the Roads and Traffic Authority for acceptance; and
2. Subject to acceptance by the Roads and Traffic Authority of tender by Macca's Ferry Service the necessary contract documents to be completed under Common Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NBX.E17

**** END OF ITEM 175 ****

ITEM: 176 HERITAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 1995

FILE NUMBER: GG021/098 PT7/EVD

REPORT:

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Planning inviting Council to apply for assistance under the Heritage Assistance Program. The Program is administered to maximise the identification, conservation and promotion of heritage items in New South Wales by making the best possible use of available funds.

Council has previously been successful in obtaining funding under the Program for projects including the Windsor and Richmond Streetscape Studies, Windsor and Richmond Colour Scheme Studies, Colo and Macdonald Valley Cemeteries Study, Richmond Park Grandstand, Repair of Vandalism Damage at Windsor Roman Catholic Cemetery and Richmond Archaeological Zoning Plan.

The Program does however, require financial commitment on Council's part as assistance is only available on a dollar for dollar or low interest loan basis currently funded at a rate of five percent.

Included in Section 6 (Report of Committees) of this Business Paper are the Minutes of the last Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting. At its meeting on 8 February, 1995, Council's Heritage Advisory Committee resolved that Council make application under the 1995 Program for the following:

- Hawkesbury Heritage Advisor
- Hawkesbury Heritage Assistance Fund
- Windsor & Pitt Town Archaeological Zoning Plans
- Study of Slab Barns in Hawkesbury to Facilitate Comparative Assessment.

Given the Committee's resolution, the projects chosen by the Committee should be prioritised in order of importance to Council and application accordingly made for funding of the above projects together with any additional project. Each project is briefly described below:

Hawkesbury Heritage Advisor

In October 1993, Council received advice that it was successful in obtaining funding under the Program to employ a Heritage Advisor. In January 1995, Robert Staas (Conservation Architect) commenced duties as the Hawkesbury Heritage Advisor on a one day per month basis. The Advisor is consulted by owners or prospective owners requiring advice in relation to heritage items in the area. The cost of running the heritage advisory service to Council during 1994 was in the order of \$5000.00. This amount included twelve full day visits, a number of half day visits and provision of advice "in between" visits.

The total cost of continuation of the Hawkesbury Heritage Advisory Service for a further twelve month period is approximately ten thousand dollars.

This will require a contribution of five thousand dollars from Council due to funding being made available on a dollar for dollar basis. Should Council be successful in obtaining funding for the Heritage Advisor provision will have to be made in the 1995/96 Estimates.

Hawkesbury Local Heritage Assistance Fund

The Hawkesbury Local Heritage Assistance Fund was established in 1984 to provide funding to property owners to conserve identified heritage items. Funding has previously been provided to property owners on the basis of a one thousand dollar "one off" grant or two and half thousand dollars grant on a dollar for dollar basis.

Since 1984 funding has been provided from the fund for work including:

- preparation of "mini" conservation plan
- reinstatement of traditional colour schemes
- repair, maintenance and reinstatement of traditional fences
- conservation of slab barns
- building conservation

It is anticipated by the end of the 1995 calendar year all monies in the Fund will be fully expended. Given the need for and popularity of the Fund application should be made for twenty thousand dollar "top up" of the Fund. The "top up" will require a contribution of ten thousand dollars from Council due to funding being made available on a dollar for dollar basis. Should Council be successful in obtaining funding for the Fund "top up" provision will have to be made in the 1995/96 Estimates.

Location and Management of Wildlife Corridors Study

Notwithstanding that this project was not identified or considered by the Committee, application should be made for funding for a Location and Management of Wildlife Corridors Study in the Hawkesbury. It is envisaged that such a study would develop and document methods for locating and managing effective wildlife corridors to connect small or isolated natural places. Given the advent of State Environmental Planning Policy No. 44 Koala Habitat Protection such a study would assist the planning of wildlife corridors in the Hawkesbury.

The cost of preparation of such a study will be approximately twenty thousand dollars and will require a contribution of ten thousand dollars. Should Council be successful in obtaining funding for this project under the Program provision will have to be made in the 1995/96 Estimates.

Windsor and Pitt Town Archaeological Zoning Plan

The preparation of archaeological zoning plans for Windsor and Pitt Town - areas of potentially high archaeological significance and sensitivity is estimated to cost approximately thirty thousand dollars. The project will require a contribution of fifteen thousand dollars from Council due to funding being made available on a dollar for dollar basis. Should Council be successful in obtaining funding for the project under the Program provision will have to be made in the 1995/96 Estimates.

Hawkesbury Slab Barn Study

Preparation of a local government area wide Slab Barn Study is estimated to cost approximately fifteen thousand dollars. The Study would be an adjunct to the Pitt Town Slab Barn Study previously undertaken by G Edds and A Brandjes in 1991. The Study will require a contribution of seven thousand five hundred dollars from Council due to funding being available on a dollar for dollar basis. Should Council be successful in obtaining funding under the Program provision will have to be made in the 1995/96 Estimates.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council make application under the 1995 Heritage Assistance Program for the projects listed below in order of priority:-

1. Hawkesbury Heritage Advisor
2. Hawkesbury Local Heritage Assistance Fund
3. Location and Management of Wildlife Corridors Study
4. Windsor and Pitt Town Archaeological Zoning Plan
5. Hawkesbury Slab Barn Study

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR314NBX.V07

**** END OF ITEM 176 ****

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: 14 March 1995

Item: 177

ITEM: 177

APPLICATION TO REZONE LAND AT GEORGE STREET, SOUTH WINDSOR FOR A SUPERMARKET (THE TIMBER YARD SITE) BY SCOTT CARVER PTY LTD ON BEHALF OF WOOLWORTHS PTY LTD. OWNER:- BANESWA PTY LTD

FILE NUMBER: LEP001/95PT01/EVD

REPORT:

Immediately prior to the finalisation of this business paper Council received an application from the consulting firm Scott Carver Pty Ltd on behalf of Woolworths Pty Ltd for the rezoning of Lot 1 DP 630616, Lots 4 & 5 DP 546025 and Pt Lot 1 DP 421574 to Business General 3(a) in order to enable the development of the site for the purposes of supermarket with a floor area in the range 3,600m² to 4,000m². It is also proposed to provide off street parking for 200-220 cars.

Lot 1 DP 630616 is zoned Residential 2(a) as are Lots 4 & 5 DP 546025, and the northern portion of Pt Lot 1 DP 421574. The southern portion of Pt Lot 1 DP 421574 is zoned Open Space (Proposed Recreation) 6(b).

A survey plan of the site and a conceptual plan of the development are included in this business paper.

In response to an enquiry by Scott Carver in late 1994, the following written advice was provided to Scott Carver on 8 December 1994.

"Reference is made to our meeting on 25 November 1994 concerning the purchase of the above land by Woolworths Properties and the proposal to erect a "stand alone" supermarket on the land.

It is understood that whilst there is the issue of existing use rights, Woolworths preference is to undertake a rezoning of the site and possibly nearby land to provide an improved site arrangement for both the proposed supermarket and the approved service station.

Any rezoning proposal should firstly assess the demand for additional supermarket floorspace. As discussed Council recently commissioned Plant Location International to undertake an Economic and Employment Development Strategy. This strategy included a separate report examining the demand for a major increase in the stock of retail floorspace in Hawkesbury and what affect such an increase would have both on the existing retail sector and in terms of employment within Hawkesbury in general.

In 1991-92 Hawkesbury had significantly higher concentrations of its total retail floorspace in two categories - namely food and other personal and household goods - than did Sydney as a whole.

According to the PLI report, average sales levels in Hawkesbury in 1991-92 were some 9% below the prevailing Sydney Region average although sales in the food sector were 6.9% above the Sydney average.

It is apparent that there is relatively little "escape" expenditure in the food sector and that additional floorspace is likely to directly impact upon existing traders. This is not to say that additional competition is not a good thing, merely to indicate that there should be justification for the increase in floorspace.

The preferred location of any new major retail facility is within the existing retail centres of Windsor and Richmond, not on stand alone sites such as the subject land. Wherever possible the existing strip centres should be reinforced with new floor space and traders to ensure their vitality and maximise economic well being. Justification should be provided as to why it is not possible to site the proposed supermarket in an existing strip centre.

As the rezoning application for the site will be a precursor to a development application, it is suggested that a number of technical issues be addressed at the rezoning stage. If the Council supports the rezoning then the fact that these matters have been considered at the rezoning stage should reduce the time required to assess the development application. The key technical issues are considered to be traffic impacts and any potential amenity impacts on surrounding residences, particularly if the supermarket will have extended trading hours.

In summary, Council will need to be persuaded that there is a need for additional supermarket floorspace and secondly and perhaps more importantly that there is no scope to locate a supermarket within the existing Windsor or South Windsor retail centres."

In response to the issues outlined in this letter, the rezoning submission includes an economic report and a traffic report.

The economic report prepared by Jebb Holland Demasi indicates that there is a current shortfall of around 5,200 sq.m of supermarket floorspace for 1994/95. However no consideration was given to Council's support for the proposed Richmond Growth Shopping Centre which will provide at least one supermarket with a floor area of at least 3,500 sq.m and quite possibly a second supermarket with a floor area around 3,000 sq.m.

In addition there is only cursory comment about alternative sites, with the following statement appearing on page 11:-

"The economic report is supportive of the need for such a facility and in such a location as the one proposed. Woolworths have examined the suitability of a number of sites within the Windsor/Richmond area including sites within the established retail/commercial centres.

Specifically, the sites which Woolworths have looked at include:

- . Clarendon
- . East Market Street/Lennox Street
- . Paget Street (near the park at Richmond)
- . Council car park in Windsor

Upon study of these sites Woolworths found them to be lacking mainly to their location or limited size."

In relation to traffic, a report by Colston Budd Hunt and Twiney Pty Ltd favours the provision of access via a roundabout at the intersection of George Street and Macquarie Streets. They state that the intersection requires upgrading to properly cater for existing flows, regardless of the proposed development.

Whilst it is accepted that there is potential for additional supermarket floor space in the area, particularly from a supermarket chain not currently represented, any commitment to further floor space prior to finalisation of the Richmond Growth development may be premature.

It is understood that the finalisation of the development application for the Richmond Growth site is close, with lodgement likely to occur before 14 April 1995. It is suggested that any consideration of a draft local environmental plan for the subject site await the lodgement of a development application for the Richmond Growth site. In the interim Scott Carver should be requested to assess the implications of the proposed Richmond Growth development with at least one and possibly two supermarkets and provide more detail regarding the assessed lack of alternative suitable sites within the existing centres.

The other options available to Council are not to support the draft local environmental plan or alternatively to support the plan and place it on public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Scott Carver be advised that consideration of the rezoning application will be deferred until after a development application has been submitted for the proposed Richmond Growth shopping centre in Richmond. In the interim, Scott Carver be requested to assess the implications of the proposed Richmond Growth development with at least one and possibly two supermarkets and provide more detail regarding the assessed lack of alternative suitable sites within the existing centres.

ATTACHMENTS:

- AT-1 Survey site plan
- AT-2 Conceptual plan

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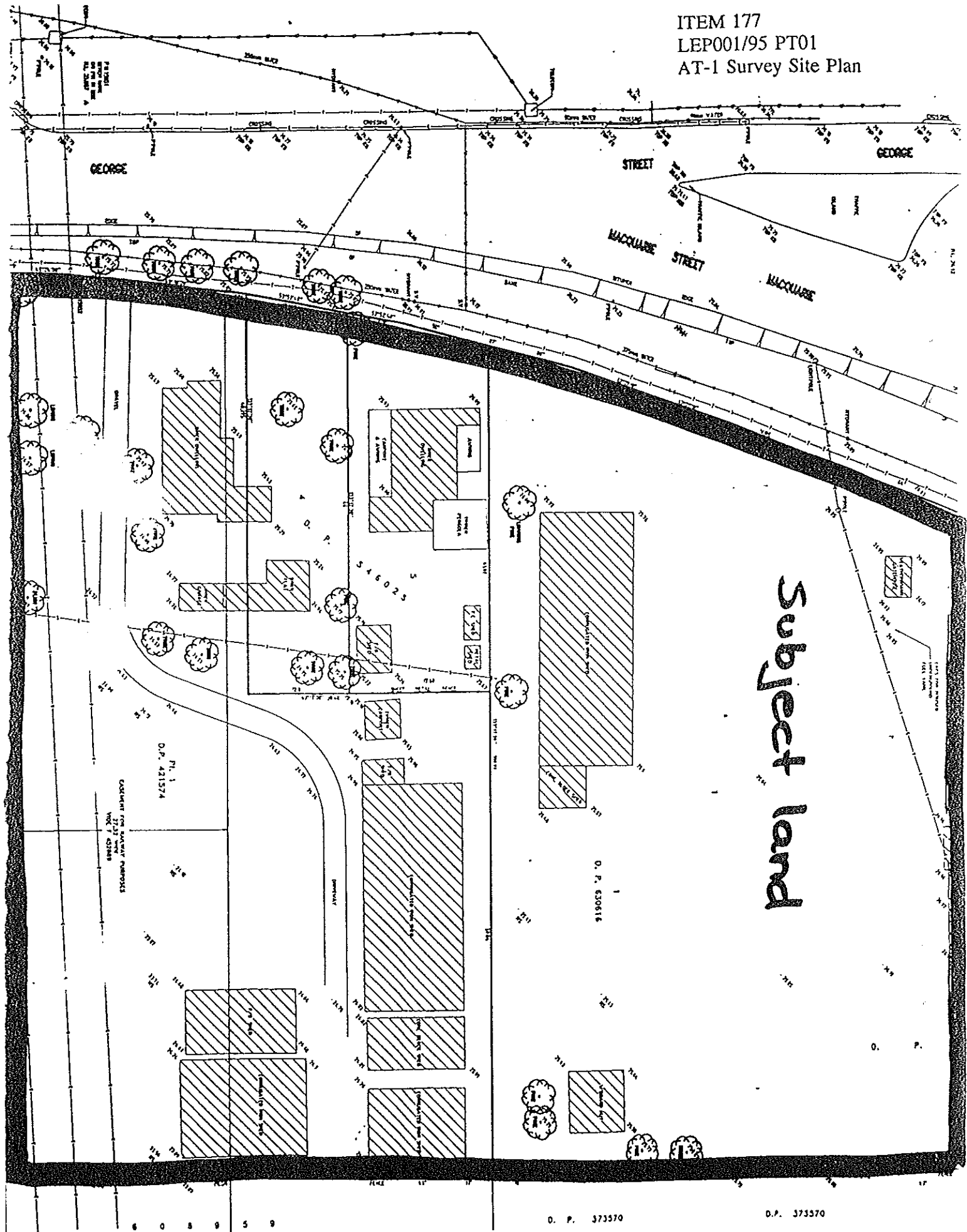
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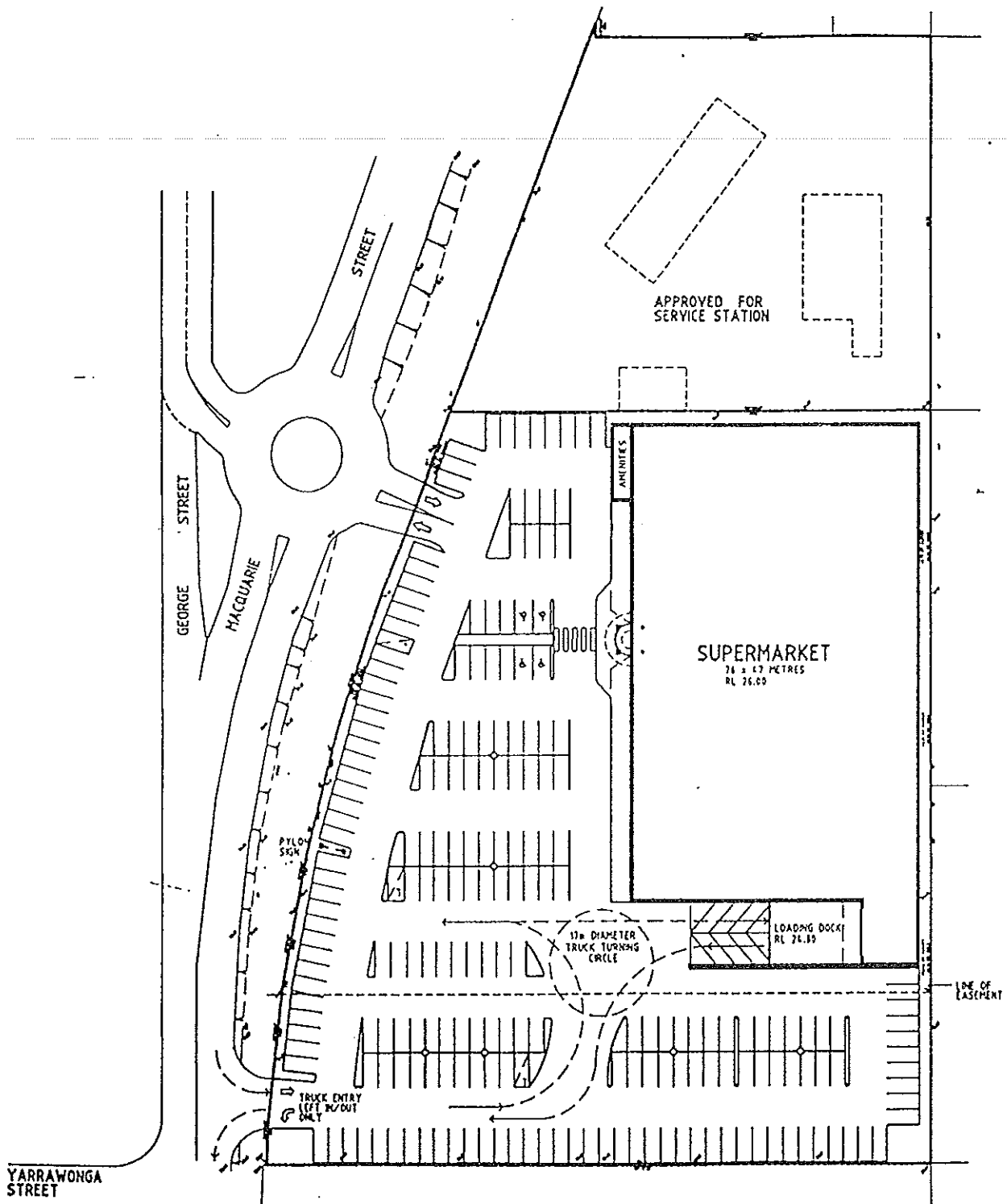
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AT-1 Survey Site Plan



ITEM 177
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AT-2 Conceptual Plan



TOTAL CARS = 213

PROJECT TITLE

**WINDSOR
MARKETPLACE**

MACQUARIE STREET, WINDSOR, NSW, 2756



DRAWING TITLE

**SITE PLAN
CONCEPTUAL**

DATE
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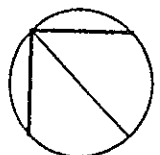
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Section 5 Reports for Information

ITEM: 178

REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL - STATUS AS AT 14 MARCH 1995

FILE NUMBER: C50/1/GMA

REPORT:

File Rep Date	Referred To	Subject	Comment
12 Nov 91	Wetlands Management DMED	Review and Amendment	Awaiting review of REP 20 of HLEP 1989 by DPO
13 Apr 93	Amendment of Industrial DCP - Urban Consolidation and "Greenstreet" DMED	Report on detailed aspects and implications of amendments	Report April GPC
11 Oct 94	Joint venture Prospect Electricity/Council DME0	Lighting walkway/cycleway - Ham Common	Report April GPC
8 Nov 94	Satellite Receiving Dishes DMED	Monitoring	Report November Ordinary 1995
14 Feb 95	Vermont area at Pitt Town DMED	Potential for further subdivision	Awaiting Advice on subdivision of "Bona Vista"
	Wilberforce Abattoir DMED	Noise attenuation	Awaiting further information
	Child Care and General Facilities GM	For elected members, Council staff and the public	Report April Ordinary
	Footpath DME0	Western side of Bandon Road From Retirement Village to Vineyard Railway Station	Report April GPC
	King and Sackville Roads DME0	Likely upgrading	Report April GPC
	Declared Wetlands under REP20 DMED	Provisions - Hawkesbury River County Council and Department of Planning - use of herbicides	Awaiting advice

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**** END OF ITEM 178 ****

ITEM: 179 CASTLEREAGH REGIONAL WASTE DEPOT

FILE NUMBER: GW001/005 Pt11 GP070/014/Pt01/GMA

REPORT:

Council considered a report regarding the depot at its December 1994 Meeting. As a result it resolved that the Minister for the Environment be advised that:

- "1. In consideration of the Stage II Audit, the conclusion of the contamination of groundwater is accepted, however there is clear evidence that surface water of unknown quality has left the site. The risk of this surface water to receptors has not been determined.*
- 2. Immediate action should be commenced to implement a site remediation strategy including capture and treatment of contaminated groundwater.*
- 3. The Waste Service be requested to investigate and implement alternate treatment and disposal for wastes disposed of at the Depot, and that the Depot be closed prior to the end of 1995.*
- 4. No additional types of wastes should be disposed of at the Depot.*
- 5. The Air Quality Monitoring, Castlereagh Regional Depot carried out for the Waste Service in March and April 1994, does not preclude exposure pathways from gases and contaminated soil, occurring in the past.*
- 6. Following consideration of the three health studies that are currently being undertaken, further representations may be made."*

The Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust has now advised in this matter as follows:

"I refer to the above and the recent resolutions of Council. The Trust also recently considered a report on the depot and resolved to provide a status report to Council regarding action taken and proposed to be taken by the Trust.

The Trust notes that Council has resolved that the Depot should be closed. The Trust has considered this issue and at this stage does not consider that there is an immediate need to close the depot. The evidence to date does indicate localised contamination of the groundwater underneath the depot. There is no current evidence available to the Trust, however, of contamination off-site that can be contributed to the depot. The Trust will be closely examining the outcomes from the upcoming human health study, domesticated animal and plant health study and native fauna health study. The Trust may review its position on closure of the depot following an assessment of these reports.

I would also like to comment that the depot should be correctly classified as a temporary facility. The Trust considers the Government should continue to explore other means of treating and disposing of the materials that have traditionally been disposed at the site.

The Trust has asked the EPA and Waste Service a series of questions/requests. These included:

1. To the EPA:

The EPA in correspondence to the Trust dated 14th November, 1994 stated that the site is 'not managed entirely in accordance with current best practice for facilities of this type'. The Trust has sought advice from the EPA on why the site is not being managed in accordance with best practice and what is required to rectify this situation, the resulting actions by the EPA and the Waste Service and the timetable for actions.

An explanation as to the appropriateness of the location of off-site bore holes and whether there is an adequate number. The Trust has also requested an explanation of why these particular sites were chosen (that is whether they are appropriate locations and whether there is an adequate number).

An explanation as to what is required to provide the EPA satisfactory environmental management and environmental contingency plans. In addition, the Trust has sought advice on the program for achieving satisfactory plans and considers the completion of these plans a priority.

A request that the EPA provide to the Trust a report on the conclusions of the monitoring program for the period from the completion of the Stage II audit to the completion of the final specialist studies referred to above.

2. To the Waste Service:

A request that in their investigations of grading and capping of the depot they investigate the option of use of clean fill including sourcing such fill from the depot site.

An explanation as to why a criteria of "rapid" contamination spread based on an aquifer permeability of greater than 0.0086 metre/day would warrant further investigation of contamination and the need for remediation. The Trust has also requested advice as to why this specific figure is a critical threshold. In addition, the Trust has sought advice on how this relates to the permeability of the Rickabys Creek Gravels.

The Trust has also requested that the Waste Service address it on the depot.

The Trust will keep Council informed of its actions in this matter.

ITEM: 180

RATES FOREGONE - NON-RATEABLE PROPERTIES

FILE NUMBER: GR010/016 PT02/FNC

REPORT:

An enquiry was made by Council at its meeting of 14th February, 1995, as to the extent of rates foregone on properties in the Hawkesbury City that are non-rateable in terms of the Local Government Act, 1993. The details of each category of non-rateable properties is shown in the following table:-

Code	Category	Properties	Land Value	Subsidised Rates
H	Benevolent Agencies, Scouts, Guides & Youth Centres	17	\$3,031,500	\$19,204
O	Churches & places of public Worship	86	\$11,405,000	\$73,836
E	Department of School Education	37	\$5,290,800	\$33,803
F	Department of Defence	21	\$10,259,930	\$66,326
L	Department of Housing	238	\$13,204,300	\$87,636
M	Crown Land	38	\$6,959,300	\$45,854
N	Other Government Departments, Sydney Water, RTA, Police etc	81	\$14,756,600	\$98,026
W	State Rail Authority	6	\$812,000	\$5,864
Y & Z	Various Properties	<u>4</u>	<u>\$355,300</u>	<u>\$2,277</u>
Totals		528	\$66,074,730	\$432,827

The above table only shows those properties for which the Valuer General has recorded a land value. There are a large number of properties within the Hawkesbury, including Crown Land, National Parks & Wildlife, Commonwealth lands and other government properties for which there are no valuations. The land value attributable to these properties is difficult to assess.

As detailed on the above table, 528 properties have an attributable value of \$66,074,730 which, if levied with the rates, would amount to \$432,827 or 3.5% of the general rate.

Should you wish to discuss any matter raised in this letter please do not hesitate to contact Malcolm Hughes on (045) 774-243".

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**** END OF ITEM 179 ****

ITEM: 181 1994/95 FLOOD MITIGATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

FILE NUMBER: GG021/128 PT03/ENG

REPORT:

Advice has been received from the Hon. Kevin Rozzoli MP., Member for Hawkesbury, regarding the offer of funding to the amount of \$11,200, on a dollar for dollar basis, under the NSW Government's 1994/95 Flood Mitigation Maintenance Program.

The offer of funding has been accepted and the following draft program of works submitted to NSW Public Works for approval.

Item N ^o	Name and Location of Road or Structure	Details of Proposed Works	Estimated Cost
1.	South Creek (near Palmer Street)	Repair, clean, prime and repaint floodgates. Machine excavate invert of channels to remove silt and other stream obstructions.	\$ 3,000
2.	Cornwells Lane	Machine excavate invert of channel to remove silt and other stream obstructions.	\$ 3,000
3.	Bakers Lagoon Outlet Structure	Machine excavate invert of channel to remove silt and other stream obstructions. Repair and repaint flood gauges.	\$ 5,000
4.	Cupitts Lane	Repair, clean, prime and repaint floodgates.	\$ 4,000
5.	Bardenarang Creek (Hawkesbury River to Pitt Town Bottoms Road)	Repair, clean, prime and repaint floodgates. Machine excavate invert and banks of Creek to remove silt and other stream obstructions.	<u>\$ 7,400</u>
Total			\$22,400

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**** END OF ITEM 180 ****

ITEM: 182

NOMINATION OF CHRISTINE KENNY AND STEPHANIE PRATT
- ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND - CUSTOMER SERVICE
AWARDS

FILE NUMBER: GP020/034PT01/EVD

REPORT:

Two staff members in Council's Environment and Development Division, Christine Kenny and Stephanie Pratt, have been nominated for Richmond Rotary Customer Service Awards. This nomination is in recognition of a high and commendable level of customer service in the carrying out of their duties at Council.

This is a very pleasing recognition by customers of the service provided at the front counter. It should be noted that the information provided is very much a team effort and the fact that two staff members are recognised in such a way means that they receive good support from other staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**** END OF ITEM 182 ****

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Section 6 Other Reports

Minutes of the 1994 Bicentenary Celebration Association Inc. Meeting held in the Committee Room on November 16, 1994 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT : Councillor Ted Books - Chairperson, and Councillor Warwick Mackay, Ms Jan Barkley, Ms Michelle Nichols, Ms Alannah Sledge, Ms Jo Astley, Messrs Robert Pont, Alex Hendrikson, Ian Clayton, Peter Auld and Wing Commander Grant Buggy.

APOLOGIES : Ms Peta Trahar, Messrs Ross Miller, Brian Hardiman and Peter Bruce.

GUEST : Darryl Graham - Hawkesbury Picture Framing Pty Ltd.

Expression of thanks to the Committee from Darryl Graham personally and from Hawkesbury Picture Framing for the efforts put into organising the Celebrations, and congratulations for their outstanding success.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES :

RESOLVED on the motion of Alex Hendrikson seconded by Robert Pont that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 12, 1994 be confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE :

Received :

Rob Lowrie, Arthur Skimin (2), Alfred Watts (3), Dudley Harrison (2), Zelia Thornton, A H Chaseling, J C McDonald, Lorna Brines (2), Mrs E Bowser, Mrs V Eastment, John Reichenbach, Robyn Gill, Violet Fredberg, Gosper Family, Mary Hoffman and Leanne Micali.

Forwarded :

Lorna Allan, Sue Davies, Hunter Hordern, Ms D Nixon, Mr Reichenbach.

Many letters of congratulations to the Committee and Council have been received. Two are included as examples.

RESOLVED on the motion of Warwick Mackay seconded by Grant Buggy that a report on the problems evident from the correspondence of the ongoing poor condition of McQuade Park and pioneer family trees be sent to the Divisional Manager of Engineering, Hawkesbury City Council. The report to include letters of complaint regarding poor maintenance plus ongoing damage to the plaques.

RESOLVED on the motion of Robert Pont seconded by Alex Hendrikson that the correspondence be received.

REPORTS :

Alannah Sledge

- Certificates of appreciation sent to all contributors to the celebrations.
- Bust of Macquarie sculptured by Frederic Chepeaux sold at auction
- Video of the celebrations to be made up later this year.

Peter Auld

- Bicentennial Times to continue as 'Hawkesbury Times'

Grant Buggy

- RAAF Open Day, November 19, 1994 - flying, static displays, Galaxy open for inspection, ceremonial parade etc.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Combined Churches Bicentennial Carols by Candlelight in McQuade Park, Windsor on December 10, 1994.

NEXT MEETING :

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 1995.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Minutes of the Schaffer Quarry Environmental Monitoring Committee held in the Wilberforce Community Centre on 1 December, 1994, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor L Sheather, Chairperson; S Larkin, J Halpin, and R Clifford.

RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by R Clifford that the apologies of S Chinner and R Corkery be accepted.

RESOLVED: On the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by R Clifford that the minutes of the meeting of 25 August, 1994, be adopted.

MATTER ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

- 1) Traffic device - Mr Halpin advised that approvals have been received from Roads and Traffic Authority and Council and that it would be in place prior to 31 December 1994.
- 2) Haul road - S Larkin inquired about the status of sealing this road. Mr Halpin advised that there is still 40,000 tonnes of material to be extracted which will take until the end of January 1995, with sealing to be completed in February. Councillor Sheather stated that residents are expecting to inspect the quarry in the near future and requested Mr Clifford contact the Committee members at the end of January 1995 to arrange a date.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1) R Clifford tabled the Site Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan - 1994 Annual Report.

Mr Halpin advised that his consultant had been delayed in submitting the final details to Council's office and the time scheduled for some items had passed prior to submission of the plan. Mr Halpin will discuss the matter with his consultant.

Mr Halpin further advised that the delay in construction of the haul road had by necessity delayed rehabilitation adjacent to that road. Items 1-5 in the plan which were scheduled for completion in October will now be completed within 4 weeks.

In respect of Item 6 of the report interim bund wall due in December, Mr Halpin stated the interim wall has been removed and will be replaced by a final wall in 6-8 months as extraction of area 3 proceeds. Items 7 & 8 due for completion in December are on schedule.

RESOLVED on the motion of J Halpin, seconded by Councillor Sheather that a copy of the report be given to all members. Further, that future reports applicable to the Committee be forwarded by Schaffer Corporation to Committee members.

- 2) Dust Monitoring S Larkin referred to the latest monitoring report. The standard for insoluble solids is < 4.0 grams/square metre/month. One result in this report from 12 September - 12 October 1994 was 3.72 grams which S Larkin and J Halpin agreed could have been due to a landowner carrying out work along a fence line adjacent to gauge EKD2.
- 3) Mr Clifford submitted the quarterly summary report on inspections of the quarry:

*OVERALL SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS
3 MONTH PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 1994
SCHAFFER CORP LTD*

Over the past three (3) months, matters relating to the conditions of consent have been raised with Mr J Halpin, some of these matters give cause for concern as progress has been limited.

Complaints

Condition N° 14

Complaints were received with respect to loads leaving the site with loads uncovered. Mr Halpin was spoken to regarding this and the complaints have since stopped.

Matters in Progress

Condition N° 8

Haul Road. This condition was required to be complete by 6 June 1994. Although it is progressing slowly, it appears that more effort could be placed in this area to have the task completed.

Condition N° 12

Traffic Device. The traffic device at the corner of Putty Road and East Kurrajong Road has not been installed and a plan has only recently been placed with Council and is approved.

Condition N° 10 & 29

Workshop/Administration amenities building and parking areas. Building Application and Plans have not been submitted to Council for the construction of the Workshop, Administration building, the employees amenities and parking areas. This condition was required to be completed by the 6 September 1994.

Condition N° 38

Refuse. A considerable quantity of refuse has been removed from the site, however a large amount of spare parts are still required to be sorted and stored.

Condition N° 41

Rehabilitation Activities. The plan as supplied by Schaffer Corp Ltd has been accepted and as contained in the plan various items are required to be addressed at specific times.

Items 1 through to 5 were required to be finalised by September/October. These items have not been completed.

Mr Halpin advised that the workshop/administration amenities buildings and carpark were part of the original development application. The approved development is such that it is not viable to carry out all of the works required by the consent. It is proposed that the carpark will be sealed in conjunction with the haul road; and to construct a workshop on the quarry floor instead of at the top to reduce noise. It is not proposed to build the workshop unless sawing proceeds and Mr Halpin will make representations to Council in this regard.

In respect of the lunch room, a site container will be placed on the quarry floor. Amenities to be built at the top of the quarry.

Councillor Sheather asked about the varying of the development consent. Mr Clifford stated that he has been advised that as the Land and Environment Court was the determining authority only the Court can vary the consent.

Councillor Sheather requested that at the next site inspection, Mr Halpin have a plan indicating facilities approved by the development consent and the proposed variations. Details of tidying the site were included in the 1994 Annual Report, and is to be completed in December 1994.

Councillor Sheather requested Mr Halpin to identify a location for storage of accumulated spares and equipment and that the Committee assess the proposed location at the next site inspection.

- 4) Mr Halpin advised that when the Proposal for the Operation of a Pilot Sawing Plant with the East Kurrajong Sandstone Quarry is complete, he will forward a copy to all Committee members for appraisal prior to submission of a development application to Council.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by S Larkin that any application submitted to Council for sawing of sandstone at the Schaffer Corporation quarry, be referred to this Committee for comment, prior to determination.

- 5) Councillor Sheather requested J Halpin submit a written report to the next meeting on any outstanding conditions of development consent 365/90.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held in the Wilberforce Community Centre on 2 March 1995, at 7.30pm.

The meeting terminated at 9.40pm.

Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Councillors' Room, Council Offices on Wednesday 8 February 1995 commencing at 7.45 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor H J M Books (Chairperson), Councillor H Williams, Professor I Jack, Mrs J Barkeley, Mr C Grinter, Mr M Hatherly, Mr G Edds, Mr B Flakelar, Mrs J Page, Ms A Brandjes

APOLOGIES: Mr M Coulter Divisional Manager

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Committee resolved to adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 1994.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

3.1 Draft Local Environmental Plan - Additional Heritage Items

The Committee resolved to hold an Information Evening for owners of the " additional " heritage items commensurate with the exhibition of the draft local environmental plan.

The Committee further resolved to form a Sub-Committee responsible for the work associated with holding the Information Evening. Members nominated to the Sub - Committee include Mrs J Barkeley, Mr C Grinter and Mr G Edds.

3.2 Heritage Reference Library

Ms A Brandjes advised the Committee that this matter would be reported to the Committee when workload allowed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

4.1 Freemans Reach Flood Boat

Ms A Brandjes advised the Committee that correspondence had been received from Wing Commander G. Buggy of the R.A.A.F. Base Richmond advising that there is no spare capacity anywhere on the Base that could be used for storing the boat.

Ms A Brandjes further advised the Committee that correspondence had previously been received from the Maritime Archaeologist of the Department of Planning advising that funding under the Heritage Assistance Program was an option and recommending that stage 1 be for development of a conservation proposal and stage 2 the conduct of the work.

4.2 Australian Pioneer Village

The Committee resolved to reaffirm preparation of the nomination of Rose Cottage to the Register of the National Estate.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 Richmond Discount Department Store

The Committee resolved that its recommendations in relation to the "additional" heritage items located in Lennox and March Streets identified in the Draft Local Environmental Plan - Additional Heritage Items be made known to the Manager of the Heritage Branch before the on site meeting on 10 February 1995.

The Committee resolved that "additional " heritage items located in Lennox and March Streets identified in the Draft Local Environmental Plan - Additional Heritage Items be made known to Alex O'Grady and that he be requested to re-evaluate his proposal.

The Committee resolved that it is concerned about the loss of streetscape and individual buildings in the Richmond Growth Pty Ltd proposal in particular those items currently for determination by Council in the Draft Local Environmental Plan - Additional Heritage Items.

The Committee resolved that developers should be made aware of heritage items both formally identified and unidentified.

5.2 No. 55 Baileys Lane , Kurrajong Hills

The Committee resolved that additional documentation is required before a decision can be made to include the property as an item in Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989.

5.3 Hawkesbury Local Heritage Assistance Fund Application - Price Morris Cottage

The Committee resolved to grant an amount of up to \$5000 to the applicant Mrs Joyce Stepto for the preparation of a "mini" conservation plan for the Price Morris Cottage conditional on the applicant engaging a recognised conservation architect and erecting a suitable security fence around the cottage.

5.4 Proposed Motel -No. 49-51 Bosworth Street, Richmond

The Committee resolved to support the proposed motel development at the above property.

5.5 1995 Heritage Assistance Programme

The Committee resolved that funding be applied for the following projects:

* Heritage Advisor

- * Local Heritage Assistance Fund - top up
- * Windsor & Pitt Town Archaeological Zoning Plan
- * Further study of slab barns in Hawkesbury to facilitate comparative assessment

5.6 Sale of Land at rear of St Matthews Church, Windsor

The Committee resolved that the sale of land at the rear of St Mathews Church be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

5.7 Proposed Service Station Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights

The Committee resolved to receive information in relation to the status of this matter.

NEXT MEETING:

8 March 1995 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10 .45 pm.

Minutes of the 1994 Bicentennial Celebration Association Inc. meeting held in the Committee Room on 15 February, 1995 commencing at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT : Clr T Books - Chairperson, Ms J Barkley, Ms M Nichols, Ms Alannah Sledge, Wing Commander G Buggy, Messrs P Auld, R Pont, A Hendrikson and R Miller.

OBSERVER : Ms J Astley.

APOLOGIES : Clr W Mackay, Ms P Trahar, Messrs P Bruce, I Clayton and B Hardiman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES :

RESOLVED on the motion of Alex Hendrikson seconded by Peter Auld that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 November, 1994, be confirmed.

Letter to be sent to Arthur Skimin replying to comments made regarding Celebrations.

CORRESPONDENCE :

Received

T Geyer, P Phelan, C Wansey and H Rochester.

Forwarded

J Nevell, L MacDonald, J Douglass, D Harrison, B Eberle, S Barltrop, A Bridge Watts, Z Thornton, Messrs. King, Allsopp, Freeman, M Hoffman, Armitage, C Harris, Hacusler, J C McDonald, V Eastment, E Bowser, R Gill, V Fredberg and P Phelan.

RESOLVED on the motion of Grant Buggy seconded by Alex Hendrikson that following the letter expressing the Committee's concern about the maintenance of the trees in the Bicentennial plantings, the Committee meet with Mr T Geyer as soon as possible.

REPORTS

Ted Books

- . Problem with book binding to be addressed with the binder.
- . Stone for sculpture still being cut.

Robert Pont

- . Presented a report by Ms Peta Trahar on the McQuade Park trees, on her behalf.

Peter Auld

- . \$200 cheque presented to Committee representing the funds remaining from the first four issues of the 'Bicentennial Times' .
- . February/March 1995 Edition of 'Hawkesbury Times' (previously 'Bicentennial Times') available.

Alannah Sledge

- . Meeting to be arranged with Magna 2000 to finalise finances.

Ross Miller

- . Benson's Lane trees report presented - 10% trees need replacement.
- . McQuade Park tree loss approximately 40%.
- . Future plantings at Wilberforce and Pitt Town. Wilberforce maintenance is organised. Pitt Town Progress Association to be invited to help in the tree maintenance and Ted Eggleton of Pitt Town. Date to be 13 May, 1995.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date to be notified.

The meeting closed 9.30 pm.

Minutes of meeting of Local Traffic Committee held at Council Chambers Windsor on Friday, 17 February 1995 commencing at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Mr D Lamont - Roads and Traffic Authority, Senior Constable R Banno - NSW Police Service, Mr R Searle - Office of K Rozzoli MP.

APOLOGIES: Councillor B Keegan - Chairman, Mr J Christie - Office of P Gibson MP, Mr G Hatch - Department of Transport.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr C Daley - Divisional Manager Engineering Operations, Mr S Dixon - Town Planner, Mr T Shepherd - Administrative Officer (Engineering).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Due to absence of Mr B Keegan, Chairman and Mr P Minturn, alternate Chairman Mr C Daley, Divisional Manager Engineering Operations Chaired of the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 1995 were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. COX STREET, SOUTH WINDSOR - TRAFFIC CONDITIONS - R CHURCH. 369/R PT02

Expressing concern at volume/speed of traffic on Cox Street, South Windsor following construction of wombat crossing on Church Street, South Windsor.

Committee's Recommendation

That the matter be taken into consideration in preparation of South Windsor Traffic Study as well as Church Street, South Windsor following completion of speed survey in respect of that latter road.

2. INALLS LANE, YARRAMUNDI - ALTERATION OF REGULATORY SIGNAGE - B GREENTREE. 907/R PT02

Requesting alteration of "Give Way" sign on Inalls Lane, Yarramundi at intersection with Yarramundi Lane, to "Stop" sign.

Committee's Recommendation

Existing level of regulatory signage is considered satisfactory however,

- a. slashing of both frontage of intersection be undertaken on a routine basis to improve sight distance; and
- b. additional "Give Way" sign be installed on Inalls Lane at intersection with Yarramundi Lane, with holding lines to be marked.

3. TENNYSON ROAD, TENNYSON - REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SPEED LIMIT - W J KNIGHT. 2002/ PT02

Requesting reduction of speed limit on Tennyson Road, Tennyson from 80kph to 60kph.

Committee's Recommendation

Existing speed restriction of 80kph be retained, subject to:-

1. the Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to install 80kph speed restriction signs on Tennyson Road immediately north of intersection with Kurmond Road;
2. curve advisory signage be upgraded; and
3. the NSW Police Service be requested to enforce existing speed restriction.

4. PUBLIC CAR PARK - WINDSOR TOWN CENTRE - P CHINNER. GC010/011 PT02

Expressing concern at lack of unrestricted parking within Windsor Town Centre.

Committee's Recommendation

No further action as sufficient unrestricted parking exists in Hollands Paddock Car Park.

5. GEORGE STREET, WINDSOR - WINDSOR RAILWAY STATION - "GIVE WAY" SIGNS. 731/R PT07

Representation by Councillor Books regarding apparent confusion occurring at "Give Way" signs George Street, Windsor at entrance to Windsor Railway Station car park.

Committee's Recommendation

No further action be taken as current situation is considered satisfactory.

6. PUTTY ROAD/KURMOND ROAD/OLD SACKVILLE ROAD, WILBERFORCE - TRAFFIC CONDITIONS - HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL. 1927/R; 2312/R; 1514/R

Advising of concern at the speed of vehicles currently approaching the intersection from the north and the fact that numerous heavy vehicles cross Putty Road at this location, including school buses providing transport to Hawkesbury High School for students living in the Wilberforce/Ebenezer areas. It is considered that due to driver reaction time and the time taken for a heavy vehicle to cross the intersection from a standing start, a serious accident could occur at this intersection. Requesting reduction of speed limit from 80kph to 60kph at that location.

Committee's Recommendation

That the Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to investigate improvement of subject intersection, as well as speed limit.

7. WINDSOR/PITT STREETS, RICHMOND - TRAFFIC CONDITIONS - HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL. 2343/R; 1629/R

Advising several collisions between west bound traffic and parked vehicles on Windsor Street, Richmond caused by west bound traffic passing stationary vehicles turning right into Pitt Street.

Requesting provision of "No Standing" on Windsor Street, Richmond, opposite Pitt Street.

Committee's Recommendation

The Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to investigate provision of No Standing/Passing lane on Windsor Street, as well as provision of "No Standing" zones on northern side of Windsor Street east and west of intersection of Pitt Street.

8. WINDSOR ROAD/PITT TOWN ROAD, MCGRATHS HILL - EXTENSION OF LEFT TURN PASSING LANE, PITT TOWN ROAD - HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL. 2342/R; 1641/R

Advising of extended delay caused to left turning traffic from Pitt Town Road onto Windsor Road, due to short left turn passing lane.

Committee's Recommendation

That the Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to investigate extension of left turn passing lane from Pitt Town Road onto Windsor Road, McGraths Hill.

REPORTS

9. LOT 5 DP753811 6127 SINGLETON ROAD, TINDA CREEK - MUSHROOM COMPOSTERS PTY LTD. DA171/94

Development Application providing for establishment of mushroom composting operation, generating following traffic movements on a weekly basis:

75 heavy vehicles
35 light vehicles

Committee's Recommendation

The application be referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority for investigation and comment in respect of access road intersection with Singleton Road, particularly in relation to speed limit on Singleton Road/heavy vehicles turning into/out of development.

10. LONDONDERRY ROAD, SOUTHEE ROAD, RICHMOND - TRAFFIC CONDITIONS - QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE, 20 JANUARY 1995 - MR J CHRISTIE. 1226/R; 1946/R

As requested by Committee at its meeting held on 20 January 1995, report submitted regarding traffic management options at subject location.

Committee's Recommendation

To defer further consideration of matter to Committee meeting to be held on 17 March 1995 pending completion of traffic count.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Senior Constable R Banno

1. Advising of representations received regarding speeding traffic on Poidevin Lane, Wilberforce and difficulty in relation to enforcement of Motor Traffic Act due to absence of street lighting/speed restriction signs.

Committee's Recommendation

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting pending on-site inspection.

2. Advising of representations received regarding lack of sight distance upon egress from Orange Grove mall car park onto March Street, Richmond.

Committee's Recommendation

No further action be taken as location considered satisfactory and incumbent upon motorists to access public road from driveway with due care.

3. Advised that 26 (twenty six) motor vehicle accidents had occurred on Boundary Road, Vineyard between Windsor/Old Pitt Town Roads, during 1993/1994, as requested by the Committee in considering representations received from B Knight seeking reduction of speed limit in vicinity of 62 Boundary Road, Oakville.

Committee's Recommendation

The matter be referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority for investigation of reduction of speed limit at subject location.

Mr R Searle

4. Advised of continuing incidence of traffic turning right out of BP Service Station/North Richmond Hotel over painted islands/median lines onto Bells Line of Road, North Richmond and requested consideration be given to construction of raised median strip.

Committee's Recommendation

Having expressed dissatisfaction at situation and noting oral advice received from the Roads and Traffic Authority that raised median strip not to be erected at that location, that:

- a. the Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to comment on situation; and
 - b. that Mr K Rozzoli, MP, be requested to make representation to the Roads and Traffic Authority on behalf of Council with view to securing construction of the raised median island on Bells Line of Road, North Richmond between North Richmond Bridge and Pitt Lane.
5. Advised that school bus entering McMahons Road from Comleroy Road, Kurrajong forced to cross centre line of McMahons Road.

Committee's Recommendation

To defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending site inspection.

6. Advised that "No Right Turn" regulatory sign governing west bound traffic on Windsor Street, Richmond at intersection with East Market Street, being ignored by motorists.

Committee's Recommendation

To defer further consideration of this matter pending survey being undertaken.

7. In relation to North Richmond Traffic Study:

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General Manager

Mayor

1. advising of confusion in respect of ingress to egress from car park on Riverview Street, North Richmond due to pavement arrows within car park, compounded by inaccurate signage;
2. enquiring as to progress regarding installation of right turn signal phase from Grose Vale Road onto Bells Line of Road, North Richmond; and
3. enquired as to progress raising of wombat on Grose Vale Road, North Richmond.

Committee's Recommendation

Respectively,

1. to defer consideration of car park, Riverview Street, North Richmond to the next meeting pending site inspection;
 2. to note oral advice from Mr D Lamont, that the Roads and Traffic Authority does not consider right turn signal phase intersection Grose Vale Road/Bells Line of Road, North Richmond, to be a priority matter; and
 3. that raising of wombat crossing, Grose Vale Road, North Richmond, be expedited.
8. Enquired as to progress regarding completion of South Windsor Traffic Study.

Committee's Recommendation

Subject to Divisional priorities, the South Windsor Traffic Study be expedited.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held at 8.15am, 17 March, 1995, convening at Council Chambers to conduct the following inspections:

- a. Poidevin Lane;
- b. McMahons/Comleroy Roads, Kurrajong intersection; and
- c. car park, Riverview Street, North Richmond

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board held in the Councillors' Room of the Council Offices on Friday 3 March 1995, commencing at 8.10am.

PRESENT: Councillor R Calvert, Councillor H Williams, Mr B Lindsay, Mr P Rasmussen, Ms L Allan, Mr R Tolson, Mr G McCully, Mr M Coulter and Mr C Dalli.

APOLOGIES: Mr C Hanna and Mr P Krix.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Appointment of Chairperson

The chair was vacated and nominations were invited for the position of Chairperson for the Board.

Councillor Calvert was nominated by Councillor Williams/seconded by Mr P Rasmussen and was subsequently elected unopposed.

Review of Hawkesbury City Economic and Employment Development Strategy

It was noted that a report in relation to the Hawkesbury City Economic & Employment Development Strategy was considered by the Council at its November meeting where it was resolved to adopt the recommendations of the report.

General discussion took place regarding Part A of the Strategy with discussion focussing on the Executive Summary, the recommendations in the report and action taken place to date in implementing the strategy. With regard to the recommendations of the strategy, it was noted that the Council is actively seeking membership of one of the regional development organisations and that a meeting is being conducted next Friday with a view to establishing the number and make up of regional development organisations for Western Sydney.

In respect of Part B ie. the retail strategy, a Special Meeting was held in December which subsequently addressed the issue of retail development in the area.

Horticulture/Agriculture Industry

Mr R Tolson presented an overview of the agriculture/horticulture industry in the Hawkesbury, which noted its importance to the local community, the constraints to its growth and other relevant issues.

The Board acknowledged the importance of the industry and referred to the recommendations of the Strategy in particular the dominant position the local economy is in respect of agricultural/horticultural production and the strategic option to develop a cluster of industries, institutions and activities allied to agricultural/horticultural production. Subsequently, it was resolved to seek funding through the regional development program or other sources, to develop a strategy for the development of the agriculture/horticulture industry in the region. It was further resolved that a working party be established to prepare a study brief and representation on the Working Party to include the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Department of Planning, University of Western Sydney, TAFE and appropriate members of the Board. It was agreed that Board members would advise Mr C Dalli of appropriate persons for the Working Party and he would contact them with a view to holding a meeting within the next two to three weeks.

Aims and Objectives of the Board

Discussion took place concerning an appropriate mission statement, aims and objectives and action plans for the Board and it was agreed that they be generally adapted from the Hawkesbury City Economic and Employment Development Strategy. It was resolved that Mr C Dalli prepare on this basis, a Draft Mission Statement, Plans and Objectives and Action Plans for the Board and circulate same to members for consideration prior to the next meeting.

Incorporation and Articles of Association

It was resolved that the Board be officially known as the Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board Inc and that application be made to the Department of Business and Consumer Affairs for registration of that name. It was further resolved that Mr C Dalli be appointed as Public Officer in respect of the Board and that he prepare and circulate to members for consideration prior to the next meeting, a Draft Articles of Association.

Launch of the Board

The Chairperson - Councillor Calvert suggested that the Board be officially launched via a reception in about May, when it is anticipated that the Mission Statement and Aims and Objectives of the Board are established and a Sub Committee/Advisory Committee structure is determined. It was suggested that key representatives of the local business community be invited to the launch with a view to creating an awareness of the existence of the Board, establishing links with the local economy and seeking support and representation on the various sub committees.

Proposed Hills/Hawkesbury Business Enterprise Centre

Mr Dalli advised that a submission is being finalised for presentation to the Honorary Mrs K Chikarovski MP, Minister for Industrial Relations and Employment, for the establishment and seed funding of the proposed Hills/Hawkesbury Business Enterprise Centre. It was noted that it is the intention of the Working Party to present the submission to the Minister prior to the forthcoming state elections.

Budget

It was noted that to date, the Council is funding the costs associated with the operation of the Board and that a submission will be presented with the 1995/1996 Estimates for funding a marketing/promotions strategy.

Position of Economic Development Officer

It was noted that two (2) options are being considered for the provision of administrative support for the Board, ie utilising existing Council staff resources and/or contracting a persons who reports exclusively to the Board.

Time and Frequency of Meetings

It was agreed by members that meetings be held at 8.00am on the first Friday of each month.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 7 April 1995.

WSROC LIMITED

WSROC 1995 ANNUAL FORUM PROCEEDINGS AND OUTCOMES

INTRODUCTION

The 1995 WSROC Annual Forum, which was held at Blacktown Council on 18th February, 1995, was the culmination of an extensive series of workshops and consultations which had commenced the previous November. The aim of both these consultations and the Annual Forum itself was to identify regional priorities and responses for the organisation's next three-year work program, which will commence in July, 1995.

The extent of these consultations represents a major departure from the development of previous work programs, where input has tended to be limited to "in house" workshops. Preparations for the 1995 Annual Forum involved not only staff and councillors from WSROC member councils; a wide range of other regional and sub-regional "stakeholders" were also consulted through :

- Environment, Human Services and Urban Development Project Committee Workshops
- A Federal Members of Parliament Workshop
- A Strategic Planners Workshop
- Consultations with other groups, including the Community Services Managers Committee

In addition, written submissions were sought and received from :

- WSROC Member Councils
- State Members of Parliament
- Invitees to workshops who were unable to attend

Finally, WSROC Member Councils were also given the additional opportunity to make presentations during the Annual Forum.

As a result of these processes, well over 200 specific issues were identified. Obviously no organisation would have the capacity to deal with all of these, and so the workshops were also given the difficult task of prioritising the issues they had each identified. Even the prioritised list is too long to include here, but the combined list of "immediate" priority issues and projects identified in the Project Committee Workshops is fairly representative:

- Implementing an integrated urban planning and management system
- Proper integration of Badgerys Creek International Airport into planning for Western Sydney
- Improving air quality through reduced vehicle emissions and improved public transport
- Implementing total water cycle (including stormwater) management practices
- Identifying environmental objectives & constraints to future development
- Improving environmental communication
- Providing a baseline of human services in new release areas and redeveloping disadvantaged areas
- Increasing funding for human services
- Planning, provision and funding of child care services
- Redressing the imbalance between population and employment in Western Sydney
- Improving the planning and provision of public transport
- Providing continuous and predictable infrastructure funding
- Developing equity and access policies to meet the needs of population growth and changes in demography in Western Sydney
- Access to information and between people through the Information Superhighway
- Improving community safety

The findings of the workshops then formed the basis for the Annual Forum's deliberations on the new work program. Prior to the Forum, the above list was also used to identify priority issues for the region in the run-up to the 1995 State Elections.

ANNUAL FORUM WORKSHOP PROCESS

The Annual Forum had four major components, as follows:

- (1) **Presentations on major issues relevant to councils and the region.** Mr Sean O'Toole, Assistant Director, Department of Planning, made the keynote address on the implications of the new Metropolitan Planning Strategy for Western Sydney.

This was followed by a panel discussion on best practice in local government, involving Mr Terry Barnes, General Manager, Fairfield City Council, Mr John Walker, General Manager Liverpool City Council and Mr Rod Howard, Network Manager, Prospect Electricity.

- (2) **Presentations on regional issues of importance to Member Councils.** Delegates from Member Councils made brief presentations on issues that their councils considered to be of regional importance. Many of these issues were also raised in the workshops referred to earlier or in councils' written submissions, and were therefore included in the documentation forwarded to Forum attendees.

Additional issues raised during the council presentations included:

- Access for the disabled to information and other services;
- Changes to the rating structure;
- Contaminated lands;

- DA requirements relating to demolitions;
- Developing a state energy policy, based on a "whole of government" approach;
- Developing employment on the ADI site;
- Funding for community services in "backlog" areas;
- Housing strategies;
- Improving services on the Blacktown-Richmond/Windsor rail line;
- Improving techniques for managing natural waterways (eg, without concrete channelling);
- Improving the location and number of EPA air quality monitoring stations;
- Landfill issues;
- Public transport alternatives to the M2;
- Regional tourism issues;
- Responding to Olympics opportunities;
- Retaining the Prospect Reservoir canal easement as public open space;
- Review of the *Environmental Protection and Assessment Act*, particularly the provisions relating to Councils' ability to control unauthorised activities, and the operations of S94;
- School children and road safety;
- The management of fringe rural lands;
- The relationship between WSROC, the Western Sydney Economic Development Board and the proposed Regional Economic Development Organisations (REDOs);
- WSROC's fee structure;
- WSROC's lobbying and research role.

These issues then became part of the material to be considered by Forum attendees during the workshop sessions on the new work program.

- (3) Workshop sessions on the new work program. The workshop sessions involved Mayors, Delegates, Alternate Delegates and General Managers from WSROC Member Councils, along with the Chairs of the various Professional Committees, WSROC Secretariat professional staff and other facilitators.

Those attending were allocated to small groups, which each had to choose a maximum of six projects to be included in the work program, covering all the WSROC project categories - Urban Development, Environment, Human Services and Local Government Issues.

The projects also had to be divided into resource intensive projects (requiring approximately 8 to 10 weeks' work per year by a professional staff member in the WSROC Secretariat, or the equivalent thereof), and resource limited projects (requiring about 2.5 to 3 weeks' work). The workshops were also asked to provide a brief outline of the scope of the project, including the proposed outcomes.

- (4) Plenary session on the workshop outcomes. After combining similar project proposals from the various workshops, there was a total of 14 projects to be considered in the final plenary session. The session resolved that these be divided into eight resource intensive and six resource limited projects.

The plenary session also recommended that all projects start in Year One, but also determined that they would all be ongoing into Years Two/Three. These projects will be combined with some projects from the current work program which have ongoing commitments to form the new work program.

ANNUAL FORUM OUTCOMES

The projects identified through this process are as follows:

Resource Intensive Projects:

A. Urban Management	• Metropolitan Strategy Implementation (<i>will also affect categories B & C</i>) • Regional Public Transport Development • Transport Corridors - Provision and Development • Comprehensive Planning for Sydney West (Badgerys Creek) International Airport (<i>this project also falls under category B</i>)
B. Environment	• Total Water Quality Management • Air Quality Management
C. Human Services	• Community Well-Being - Research and Facilitation • Community Safety - Research and Facilitation

Resource Limited Projects:

A. Urban Management	• Employment Opportunities for Western Sydney's Population - Research and Facilitation
B. Environment	• Waste Management • Reviewing the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (<i>also overlaps with categories A and D</i>)
C. Human Services	• Funding for Human Services (Capital and Recurrent) - Research and Lobbying
D. Local Government Issues	• Reviewing Housing Strategies Implementation (<i>also overlaps with category A</i>) • Resource Sharing Between Councils - Development

AFTER THE ANNUAL FORUM

The projects nominated by the Annual Forum will be developed by the WSROC Secretariat into a work program, in consultation with the Executive Management Committee and Project Committees. The project outlines developed during the workshop sessions will assist in the development of action plans for each project.

This work program will then form the basis for the 1995/96 Program and Line Budgets, and for forward estimates for the last two years of the work program. Because of the change in meeting cycle, the 1995/96-1997/98 Work Program and the 1995/96 budget and forward estimates will be presented together to the May, 1995 meeting of the WSROC Board for final ratification.

If you want any further information on the Annual Forum, please contact either Mr Stewart Crawford, Executive Director, or Mr Alex Gooding, Assistant Director, on (02) 671 4333.

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