

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

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ITEM: 16 RESTRICTION PROPOSAL - CROWN ROAD RESERVE OFF
TIZZANA ROAD, EBENEZER

FILE NUMBER: P2006/250 PT02/CSV

REPORT:

At its Ordinary Meeting on 14 February, 1995, Council resolved to object to the closure of a Crown Reserve Road through Lot 9, DP.227211 off Tizzana Road, Ebenezer. This application was made by an adjoining property owner to the Department of Land and Water Conservation. That Department subsequently advised that it had refused the application and, as a consequence, the road is available for access to the river at all times to the general public.

A number of adjoining property owners have made representations to members of Council relating to problems being experienced by people utilising the river bank area for water skiing. The residents state that often several boats and 20 to 40 people may congregate on the river bank and regularly occupy their back yard areas which front the river. This creates an enormous impact on their private and general amenity. They have further expressed concern as to the safety of individuals utilising this area for skiing having regard to the busy and hectic movements of speed boats coming and going from the river bank area and the fact that the area is utilised also for swimming and other activities. The residents highlight that they have absolutely no objection to passive water sport, that is swimming and fishing continuing at this location and support free access for this purpose.

Visually the road area blends in with the two adjoining properties and is a well maintained open space area which is a continuation of the adjoining yard areas.

Having regard to the natural amenity enjoyed by the residents they are reluctant to erect fencing at this location and at a recent site inspection a number of options were canvassed. As a result, the residents have asked whether the Council would erect appropriate signage at the entry to the road reserve and on the river embankment indicating that whilst access is permissible to the river for passive water sports, water skiing is prohibited.

It is noted that at the present time, the Council have asked by resolution on 8 August, 1995, that the Crown Reserve Road be transferred to it and this application is currently with the Department of Lands and Water Conservation. The intention is that once the land has been transferred to the Care, Control and Management of the Council, a community committee could then be established to co-operate with Council in determining an appropriate management plan for the area. On the basis of Care, Control and Management being transferred to the Council, there is nothing prohibiting the Council erecting signage restricting certain uses that it feels are not appropriate and, accordingly, the matter is now presented to the Council for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That appropriate signage as outlined in this report restricting water skiing from the embankment of the Hawkesbury River adjoining the Crown Road Reserve described as being part of Lot 9, DP227211 off Tizzana Road, Ebenezer be erected.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 17 CAR PARKING - RICHMOND PRE-SCHOOL/RICHMOND NURSING HOME/SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

FILE NUMBER: PP1343/822 PT02, P1343/820 PT02, P1343/834 PT02/ENG

REPORT:

Representations have been received regarding the lack of parking available at the Senior Citizens Centre, Pre-school and Nursing Home, off March Street at Richmond. Investigations reveal that the car parking areas provided at these centres are fully utilised regularly, with overflow parking occurring on the grassed areas.

There is an area at the rear of the Pre-school which could be formalised into a car parking area, providing approximately fourteen additional car parking spaces at a cost of \$38,000. It is considered that the provision of the additional spaces would alleviate the situation and funding could be made available from the Car Parking Reserve for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT an additional 14 (fourteen) car parking spaces be provided at the rear of the Richmond Pre-school at an estimated cost of \$38,000 (thirty eight thousand) with funds provided from the Car Parking Reserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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