

HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

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DATE OF MEETING: 24 September 1996

LOCATION: Council Chambers

TIME: To commence at the conclusion of the Special Meeting

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Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 24 September 1996, commencing at 10.10am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, H J M Books, R G Calvert, M E Lawson, W J Mackay, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe, R D Searle and L C Sheather.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather and seconded by Councillor Sahasrabuddhe that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 27 August 1996, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

29: 14 LOT SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL - 'PRESTONVILLE', CLARENDON (SA55/96/EVD)

Councillor Paine declared an interest in this matter as a family member is a possible purchaser of a lot.

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out.

The Committee inspected the site at 2.55pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, M E Lawson, W J Mackay, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe and L C Sheather.

- A. THAT COUNCIL support the SEPP1 submission.
- B. That Council seek the concurrence of the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) to approve the application.
- C. That, subject to Council receiving DUAP's concurrence, Council issue a "Deferred Commencement" consent subject to:
 - Legal flood free access being gained over adjoining land in the form of a right of way or some other similar legal method.

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- Consent being provided from the SRA for the access road for the subdivision to cross SRA land.
- Consent being provided from the RTA for the proposed intersection on Richmond Road.
- The submission of a study of the existing sewerage system in the area identifying any upgrading required to Council's system as a consequence of this and likely development showing that the system is adequate or able to be economically upgraded.

D. That the following conditions apply to the consent:

Approved Plans

1. To confirm and clarify the terms of Council's approval, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved, stamped plans (prepared by Bowdens, numbered 17337A/01 and dated drawn 27.3.96) submitted with SA55/96.

Note: Modifications to the approved plans will require the lodgement and consideration by Council of a separate application.

Contributions

2. Payment of a cash contribution of \$52,250 (fifty two thousand two hundred and fifty) for recreational buildings, park improvements and community facilities as a consequence of the subdivision of land. This sum will remain fixed for a period of 3 (three) months after which it will be recalculated at the rate applicable at the time of payment.

Amendments to Plan of Subdivision

3. In order to ensure the residue land is left in as large an allotment as possible for agricultural viability in accordance with the principles of lot averaging, either allotment 7 or 14 be reduced in size to 2ha with the remaining land consolidated into the other allotment.
4. In order to ensure a large enough platform is provided for a building platform for lot 14 the eastern boundary of lot 13 be moved 15m (fifteen) to the west and the remaining boundaries of the allotment be adjusted to a minimum of 1 (one) ha in area.

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Noise Attenuation - Sound Barrier Wall

5. That a 4m (four) high sound barrier wall be constructed along the south side of the railway line in accordance with the recommendation contained within the Noise Report prepared by Day Design Pty Ltd for this site. Details of acoustical design to be submitted with engineering details and the wall is to be constructed prior to the release of the linen plan. Design and construction of the wall is to also take into account landscaping to soften the impact of the wall

Section 88B Instrument

6. A Section 88B Instrument is to be prepared and is to accompany the titles for each allotment, and shall read as follows:

Noise Attenuation of Dwellings

This property lies within the 20 ANEF contour and in accordance with Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan, 1989, the building has to be built in accordance with the Australian Standard AS2021.

Day Design Pty Ltd, acoustical engineers, have prepared a Noise Report for this area and any dwelling constructed on this site will have to conform with the recommendations of that report. Design features may include double glazing, heavy single glazing, double thickness plasterboard, solid core timber doors fitted with acoustic seals, air conditioning etc.

Environment

7. In order to protect the wetland and Rickaby's Creek, a fence is to be constructed to provide a 40 (forty) metres buffer to these areas. Details are to be provided with the engineering design details and constructed prior to the release of the linen plan.
8. A Section 88B instrument is to accompany the allotment fronting the wetlands and Rickaby's Creek stating that no stock are to be kept or allowed to graze within 40 (forty) metres of these areas, and that a fence is to be provided at all times

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protecting
the area.

9. A landscaping plan is to be provided with the engineering details and is to address the access road, entrance point, Rickaby's Creek and woodlot planting on the residue lot. Landscaping to be completed prior to the release of the linen plan.

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10. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained to ensure that there is no increase in downstream levels of nutrients, litter, vegetative debris or other water borne pollutants. Details shall be submitted and approved prior to any works commencing.
11. Measures shall be implemented to prevent vehicles tracking sediment, debris, soil and other pollutants onto any road.

Engineering

12. Compliance with the requirements of the Roads & Traffic Authority.
13. Submission of a Certificate from Telstra that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of cables for telephones through the subdivision.
14. Submission of a Certificate from Integral Energy that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of electricity to each of the resultant lots of the subdivision.
15. The submission of a Compliance Certificate under Section 73 of the Water Board (Corporatisation) Act 1994 prior to the release of the linen plan.
16. The submission of the plan of subdivision, together with 4 (four) exact copies thereof, suitable for lodgement with the Registrar General.
17. Payment of a linen release fee of \$660.00 (six hundred and sixty). This amount is valid until 30 June 1997.
18. Each allotment created shall have an area of not less than 1 ha with the exception of the residue lot.
19. The creation of a restriction on use of land pursuant to Section 88B of the Conveyancing Act requiring the road severed parts of each lot created to be capable of development only as part of the whole lot, and not capable of separate disposition or development.
20. The construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Richmond Road and the new road to the requirements of the Roads and Traffic Authority including the dedication of any necessary road widening free of cost to Council. Design plans are to be submitted to and approved by the Roads and Traffic Authority and all fees, contributions and securities required by them lodged.

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21. The amplification of the existing sewerage plumbing stations, rising mains and carrier mains between the site and the treatment works as required by Council following assessment of the report required by the deferred commencement condition.
22. Payment of a contribution, to be calculated following full assessment of the needs, towards sewer headworks. This sum will remain fixed for a period of 3 (three) months after which it will be recalculated at the time of payment.
23. The construction of sewerage reticulation, including junctions, pumping stations, rising mains and carrier mains, to each lot in the subdivision where not already provided.
24. The dedication and full construction of the new roads and the drainage thereof.
25. Construction of a 3.5m (three point five) wide compacted crushed rock pavement and any necessary drainage along the access strip and across the footway to Lot 11 together with any necessary drainage.
26. The creation of easements to drain water over the site of drainage discharge from roads 4m (four) wide and 10m (ten) long free of cost to Council.
27. All fill including existing fill must be compacted to 98% (ninety eight) standard compaction and verified by the submission of test results for each lot accompanied by a contoured depth of fill plan.

Alternately the creation of a future covenant on each of the filled lots requiring that any dwelling or structure be pierced to a suitable uniform bearing strata on natural ground

28. Street name signs to be provided at the junction of the new road/s.
29. The new road to be named (to be advised).
30. The new road be classified as rural road/s.
31. Construction of road and drainage or sewer works are not to commence until three (3) copies of the plans and specifications of the proposed works are submitted to and approved by the Divisional Manager Engineering Operations.

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32. A design checking and inspection fee of \$1.20 (one dollar twenty cents) per metre of sewer reticulation, must be paid when submitting engineering plans for approval prior to construction. This amount is valid until 30 June 1997.
33. A design checking and inspection fee calculated at \$40 (forty) per hour covering road, drainage and any sewer pumping station and rising mains must be paid prior to the release of the linen plan. This rate is valid until 30 June 1997.
34. The construction of a turning area and provision of necessary road widening at the end of the new road.
35. The emergency access through the race track to be constructed with an all weather compacted crushed rock pavement unless already constructed to a similar or better standard.

E. Rezoning of the residue lot to prevent further subdivision.

30: EXTENSION TO RICHMOND MALL COMPRISING AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING COLES SUPERMARKET OF 1,100sqm, A NEW LIQUORLAND OF 188sqm & NEW SPECIALTY SHOPS OF 188sqm PLUS PARKING - 271 WINDSOR STREET, RICHMOND (DA215/96/EVD)

Item 42 of the Supplementary Report was dealt with in conjunction with Item 30.

Mr Andrew Lederer, applicant, Mr Steve Lacey for the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Ms Susan Orth representing the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Committee.

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out to ascertain whether the heritage building needs to be pulled down and that it be referred to the Heritage Committee and the Local Traffic Committee for consideration.

The Committee inspected the site at 2.20pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, M E Lawson, W J Mackay, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe and L C Sheather.

THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT the proposal and it be further reported to Council.

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31: HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST - DRAFT HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT STRATEGY (GR060/067 PT2/EVD)

THAT THE INFORMATION concerning the draft Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Strategy and its goals, objectives and principles for the catchment be received.

32: OUR CITY, OUR FUTURE - REPORT ON THE STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS (GT225/013/EVD)

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

33: DRAFT ARCHAEOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT PLAN, RICHMOND (GG021/184/PT01/EVD)

1. THAT THE DRAFT Richmond archaeological management plan not be placed on public exhibition at this stage.
2. That the Heritage Advisory Committee and the Heritage Council of New South Wales be advised of the concerns expressed in this report and be asked to provide advice on the designation of particular sites rather than the town as a whole.
3. That the Heritage Office be advised that Council has declined to accept the offer of funding for the Windsor archaeological zoning plan pending resolution of the Richmond archaeological management plan and further that the Heritage Office be requested to reallocate the funding to Council's Local Heritage Assistance Program.

34: DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN - AMENDMENT TO HERITAGE ITEM (14) "HOBARTVILLE" - LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 DP596558 AND LOTS 209 AND 210 DP260361 - WILLIAM COX DRIVE AND INALLS LANE, RICHMOND (LEP5/96 PT01/EVD)

1. THAT COUNCIL DELETE Lots 209 and 210 DP260361 from Draft Local Environmental Plan - Amendment No. 74.

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2. That Council forward the amended Draft Local Environmental Plan to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning for gazettal.

35: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - PROPOSED RESORT - LOT 3 DP771370 AND LOT 35 DP834488 - NO 228 GREENS ROAD, LOWER PORTLAND (P717/110/EVD)

The General Manager advised that correspondence had been received from Burling Brown & Partners requesting a deferment as the landowner is overseas and wishes to address the Committee.

THAT THE MATTER be deferred to the next General Purpose Committee Meeting.

36: REZONING OF PAUL'S (COLES) CARPARK, RICHMOND - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION TO EXTEND RICHMOND MALL (LEP7/96, DA215/96/EVD)

Ms Ann Moore, Don Fox Planning, addressed the Committee.

Ms Susan Orth representing the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Committee.

THAT THE DRAFT Local Environmental Plan - Amendment No. 59 be submitted to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning for final determination and gazettal.

37: DEDICATION OF ROAD - UNFORMED CROWN ROAD OFF STANNIX PARK ROAD, WILBERFORCE (P2319/15/EVD)

THE MATTER BE further reported to the Ordinary Meeting.

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38: NOTICE OF APPEALS - SUBDIVISIONS - LOT 18 DP30468 NO. 26 CLIFF ROAD, FREEMANS REACH & LOT 7 DP249442 NO. 33 GRIFFINS ROAD, TENNYSON (SA106/95 & SA151/95/EVD)

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

39: REZONE TO OPEN SPACE FOR PARK, RURAL/RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION & CONTINUED EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY PROPOSAL - LOT 1 DP734932 SPRINGWOOD ROAD, YARRAMUNDI - TILMUNDA PASTORAL CO PTY LTD (P825/545, DA144/93 & LEP012/90/EVD)

Mr Peter Graham, applicant, addressed the Committee.

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out.

The Committee inspected the site at 1.40pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, M E Lawson, W J Mackay, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe and L C Sheather.

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BE held with the Department of Land and Water Conservation covering the viability of the proposed trust and the position of Land & Water Conservation before the Ordinary Meeting and that the matter be further reported.

40: MORATORIUM ON LICENSES TO EXTRACT WATER - IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE - RESPONSE FROM THE MINISTER FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION - RESPONSE FROM HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST (GE020/012 PT02/EVD)

THAT A DEPUTATION to the Minister in the company of the Water Resources, Kevin Rozzoli, Paul Gibson and Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust take place if this matter is not resolved by the 14 October.

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41: REVIEW OF CONSENT CONDITIONS - TENNIS COURT LIGHTING - PART PORTION 123 PARISH KURRAJONG "GOLDFINDERS", OLD BELLS LINE OF ROAD, KURRAJONG. APPLICANT - C. HALLAM (BA0277/96/EVD)

Mr Chris Hallam, the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Mr Howard Buckett, objector, addressed the Committee.

THAT COUNCIL DELETE Condition 8 but leave Condition 7 in place.

42: OFFER OF ADDITIONAL LAND - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO RICHMOND MALL (DA215/95/EVD)

See Item 30.

Councillors Calvert and Searle left the meeting at this stage, the time being 1.00pm.

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SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

6: PITT LANE, NORTH RICHMOND - PROPOSED WEIGHT RESTRICTION (1605/R PT02/ENG)

THAT A THREE (3) tonne weight restriction be imposed on Pitt Lane, North Richmond, between Bells Line of Road and Riverview Street.

7: WILLIAM STREET, RICHMOND - PROPOSED CLOSURE (2340/R PT02/ENG)

THAT ACTION PROCEED to close William Street, Richmond under the Roads Act, 1993, in accordance with Council's resolution of 11 June, 1996, by placement of a lockable boom gate.

8: CHURCH STREET, SOUTH WINDSOR - PROPOSED CLOSURE (353/R PT02/ENG)

Mr John Cauchi, an objector, addressed the Committee.

THAT ACTION BE taken under the Roads Act 1993 to close Church Street, South Windsor at its northern intersection with Ham Street by placement of physical barrier, and access to any future development of Lot 1 DP212074 be restricted to the laneway to the rear of that property.

9: RICHMOND ROAD/MACQUARIE STREET, WINDSOR INTERSECTION - ROADS & TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (GT230/011 PT03/ENG)

THAT THE ROADS & Traffic Authority's proposal to provide signalisation at the intersection of Richmond Road/Macquarie Street be supported, including the closure of Forbes Street at its intersection with Macquarie Street and the road closure procedures commence as soon as possible following this General Purpose Committee Meeting.

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10: WINDSOR ROAD/GROVES AVENUE INTERSECTION (2342/R PT04, 0745/R PT02/ENG)

THAT IMPROVEMENTS TO the intersection of Groves Avenue and Windsor Road, including the provision of traffic lights be undertaken with additional funding required in excess of that provided by developer contributions being provided from the Kerb and Gutter Reserve, that Reserve to be fully repaid prior to further consideration being given to the upgrading of the Park Road, Windsor Road intersection.

11: STANNIX PARK ROAD, WILBERFORCE - BOWDENS (1911/R PT02/ENG)

THAT THE OFFER by Bowdens to construct and seal Stannix Park Road from the end of the existing seal at Putty Road through to Currency Creek be accepted with Council's contribution being that provided in current Works Program for Stannix Park Road plus \$9,872 (nine thousand eight hundred seventy two) provided from the Roads Construction Program.

12: FAIREY ROAD CLOSURE (0606/R PT02/ENG)

Mrs Hayden addressed the Committee.

THERE BE FURTHER discussions before the Ordinary Meeting and it be referred back to the Ordinary Meeting for resolution.

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SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

9: MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - AUGUST 1996 (GF011/005 PT04/FNC)

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

10: GAS SUPPLY BILL (GG001/003 PT02/GMA)

COUNCIL OBJECT TO the changes to the Gas Supply Bill that will exempt gas network operators from charges from Local Government, particularly in the circumstances of the extent of consultation undertaken.

11: WSROC AGM (GM001/005 PT17/GMA)

WSROC DELEGATES BE entitled to vote in their own right at the Annual General Meeting.

12: HAWKESBURY YOUTH STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE (GC210/014/CSV)

THAT THE INFORMATION concerning the Youth Strategic Planning process be received.

13: WILBERFORCE SCHOOL OF ARTS USE (GF008/001 PT14/CSV)

1. THAT THE Friends of Australian Pioneer Village be advised that their request to conduct a Bush Dance within Wilberforce School of Arts on one Saturday each month is approved with such approval being for a period of 6 (six) months.

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2. That the Friends are to be responsible for ensuring that the event is conducted in an orderly fashion and the hall to be cleaned and tidied after each event.
3. That Council waive the normal hiring fee having regard to the nature of the event.

14: UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY - HAWKESBURY - SCHOLARSHIP (GU001/005 PT03/CSV)

- A. THAT COUNCIL continue to assist the 3 (three) local students by offering a HECS subsidy in the amount of \$2,166 (two thousand one hundred and sixty six) each.
- B. This amount be reviewed in conjunction with the 1997/98 estimates.

15: BELLBIRD HILL LOOKOUT (GC316/015 PT01/CSV)

THAT EXPRESSIONS OF interest be invited for the leasing, licensing, design and construction or purchase of part of the Bellbird Hill Lookout site, for the purpose of developing a tourist facility at Bellbird Hill Lookout incorporating a restaurant/kiosk, viewing platform, amenities/facilities and tourism information services. Further, that Kurrajong Rotary Club be consulted in this process.

16: WINDSOR MALL - BAZAAR (GR120/016 PT02/CSV)

The General Manager advised that there had been a change in the Windsor Chamber of Commerce and asked that the matter be withdrawn at this stage.

THAT THE MATTER be withdrawn at this stage.

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17: ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE - GLOSSODIA SHOPPING CENTRE (GP070/001 PT05/CSV)

THAT NO OBJECTION be raised to Glossodia Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and the proprietors of businesses in the Glossodia Shopping Centre holding a fund raising event at the Glossodia Shopping Centre on Sunday 13 October 1996 from 11.00am to 4.00pm, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The \$5 (five) million public liability policy held by the Glossodia Volunteer Bushfire Brigade being endorsed to recognise the events of the day to protect the interests of both the Brigade and Council;
- (b) The grounds be left neat and tidy, including the carpark area;
- (c) The sale of alcohol be approved by the Liquor Licensing Court of NSW;
- (d) Upon approval from the Liquor Licensing Court of NSW, the alcohol-free zone on Golden Valley Drive, Glossodia, in front of the Glossodia Shopping Centre, the accessway and carpark be suspended for a period of twenty-four (24) hours from midnight on 12 October 1996 to midnight on 13 October 1996. Covers are to be suitably placed over all signs which restrict/ban the consumption of alcohol and then removed by the organisers at the conclusion of the event.

18: FORGOTTEN VALLEY MOBILE RESOURCE UNIT (GC200/004 PT04./FNC)

THAT:-

- 1. Council advise the Department of Community Services and the Department of Transport that it will accept the program and assets of the Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit following the dissolution of that legal entity, subject to the continuation of the funding of the programs by the relevant departments.
- 2. The employees of the Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit Inc., be offered performance based employment subject to continuation of funding from the relevant government departments.

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3. Assistance be provided to the Public Officer for the dissolution of the Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit.
4. A detailed register of assets and their values, be prepared for handover to Council.
5. The council's of Baulkham Hills, Gosford and Hornsby be advised of the decision of the Forgotten Valley Mobile resource Unit and Council's determination of the matter.
6. The necessary documents be executed under Seal of Council.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Minturn advised that he had received a request regarding Baileys Lane and Springrove Lane, Kurrajong Hills. Apparently motorists are experiencing difficulty in driving down the roads as the trees are outgrowing the road and preventing traffic from passing with only one lane. Can this be investigated.
2. Councillor Baczynskyj stated that recently there have been a lot of breakins and vandalism at a number of sporting venues. He asked who is paying for the vandalism and breakins. Is it coming from Council's budget or from the Sports Council.

The Director Community Management & Finance advised that there are various situations some of which will be covered by insurance if it exceeds the excess of \$2,500. If it is an area for which the Council is responsible, the Sports Council have accepted a budget allocation in relation to vandalism for structured sporting facilities and the Council covers the cost in terms of the passive areas which are not the responsibility of the Sports Council.

3. Councillor Baczynskyj referred to a letter he had received from the National Parks Association in regard to the Claret Ash planting and asked if he could have a report that explains how Claret Ash is safer for pedestrian and road traffic than native species.

Councillor Baczynskyj asked if he could have a copy of a report that indicates that the impact and suitability for the environment is in favour of Claret Ash over a native species.

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The General Manager advised in relation to pedestrian and road traffic, it would depend on the form of the trees, the trimming of trees and under branches. In terms of the environment, it would depend on whether it is the physical or natural environment. For example, if there is Edwardian, Georgian and Tudor architecture, then obviously deciduous non native trees would probably be more appropriate. Richmond has deciduous non native trees as opposed to an area like Kurrajong Heights where it is more of a natural environment of Australian architecture.

The Mayor asked if Councillor Baczynskyj would like a written reply to the issues raised.

Councillor Baczynskyj replied in the affirmative and asked specifically in relation to Claret Ash and stated that the letter does say in this instance that all the above factors have been considered.

4. Councillor Baczynskyj stated that at the last Ordinary Meeting, there was a vote that went 9 to 3 and he was one of the 3 people who voted against it. Councillor Allan was also one and she asked for her name to be recorded. He asked is it too late for him to have his name recorded as voting against the resolution.

The Mayor stated "Not now that you have asked the question."

5. Councillor Baczynskyj stated in regard to motions at Ordinary Meetings, could the Mayor indicate to him how he decides who is going to be the mover of the motion, whether the Mayor goes by the first voice he hears or the light that goes on.

The Mayor stated that there are a number of ways identified within the Code of Meeting Practice that permits Councillors to move motions. It is generally whichever comes to his notice first, whether it is a voice or a light.

6. Councillor Baczynskyj stated that at site inspections when the Councillors have a vote, would it be possible for the Mayor to name the people who are voting in favour and those against.

The Mayor stated that it is not standard procedure in the Code of Meeting Practice to actually list the names of people who vote, it is by show of hands.

Councillor Baczynskyj stated that he was not asking the Mayor to list the names, he was asking him to name them. When Councillors have a vote and raise their hand for those in favour, instead of just counting the vote and then asking for those against, and saying carried or lost, could the Councillors have a clear indication of who voted in favour and who voted against the motion.

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The Mayor said he would be happy to do that if that is the wish of the Council.

7. Councillor Baczynskyj stated that there seems to be some concern about the fact that Questions Without Notice become instruments for people to have a discussion. He stated that he felt that there should be an opportunity for him to say publicly on Council record of what he thought about the last 12 months in Council. People all over the place, including fellow Councillors, are asking him whether he has enjoyed being elected to Council. He asked if prior to Mayoral Elections or at a General Purpose Committee Meeting, if Councillors could have five or ten minutes or some avenue to actually speak in regard to how they feel and go on public record on stating what may have changed since they were elected and when they went out to tell the people why they should be elected because he has a number of brochures which indicate differently of what he would have seen in terms of voting patterns.

The Mayor stated that matters that come before Council need to be included within the business paper unless they are moved as a matter of urgency. So there would need to be a resolution of Council to do so.

8. Councillor Baczynskyj stated that every time he comes to a General Purpose Committee Meeting, with the way of economic rationalism and global budgeting, it means that his school has to pay for it because someone has to replace him, which means that to have him on staff, the School is significantly disadvantaged in the order of about \$2,000 a year that they have to pay for a casual. He asked if it would be possible for Council to write a letter to the Department of School Education indicating the importance of the civic duty. It is not totally fair that an individual school should have to pay an additional cost when they have a Council representative on their staff.

The Mayor advised that this could be done.

9. Councillor Sahasrabuddhe asked is the drinking water safe in Hawkesbury. He referred to an article by Dr Lugg which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald, headed that "Tap Water Standards Worry Expert", a copy of which he tabled, and asked if a check could be made on the water quality.

The General Manager advised that the North Richmond plant, where the water for the Hawkesbury comes from, was upgraded a couple of years ago and he understood it is the best plant of its kind in Australia. He undertook to write to Sydney Water and take the matter up with them.

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10. Councillor Sahasrabuddhe referred to energy efficiency and stated that North Sydney Council has introduced a program about saving energy in terms of building codes and other things in the area. He asked if Council has any such plans for Hawkesbury.

The Director Environment & Development stated that about 18 months ago, there were several reports on energy efficiency housing. Council adopted the requirements for compulsory wall insulation and ceiling insulation in housing and also solar assessment of orientation, but nothing like some of the requirements imposed by Kuringai or North Sydney Councils as these designs come at a significant price. The Kuringai code would not be feasible in Hawkesbury. He stated that he would have this revisited and submit a report on it.

11. Councillor Sahasrabuddhe referred to a book titled "Perils on Urban Consolidation" by Patrick N Troy and suggested that perhaps Council could purchase a copy and the Director of Environment & Development report on it.
12. Councillor Lawson requested that her name be recorded on the minute referred to by Councillor Baczynskyj.
13. Councillor Lawson again referred to the bins in Thompson Square.

The Director Asset Services & Recreation stated that he had taken the matter up with Steve Benfield who was going to approach all the shopkeepers and find out what has happened. He undertook to follow the matter up.

14. Councillor Lawson stated that she had heard a rumour about the decking in Thompson Square was not going ahead because it was going to cost too much, and asked if that is correct.

The Director Asset Services & Recreation advised that a quotation that was received was for about \$13,000 and the original estimate was \$8,000. A letter has been received from the fish shop proprietor who wants to do something different. There will be a report coming back to Council following consultation with the other people that Council is going to lease the area. It may be that Council will construct the rectangular portion up towards the Ice Creamery.

15. Councillor Allan stated that Brian McKinlay had given her some information about a survey that is being put out by the University on Land Use Management. Is it possible for the Rural Lands Study Committee to liaise with the University as it appears to be a duplication of information.

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The Director Environment & Development said he was aware of this information as it is one that was sent out by Mentor Consultants. The Committee, with the University's permission, will be using the results.

16. Councillor Books stated that some time ago he was elected to the new Scheyville National Park Committee and has not heard anything from them. He asked if it is still in existence.

The General Manager stated that Councillor Books was nominated for the North Metropolitan District Advisory Committee. Meetings are held every three months.

17. Councillor Books asked for a review of the Tree Preservation Policy with the ban that is placed on tree clearing. He stated that he asked this because one particular person at East Kurrajong wants to clear some regrowth wattle and he has been asked for a \$6,000 bounty. He has been told that he cannot even slash the fire weed. Also he cannot even burn the old heaped up stacks of dead wattles. He felt there should be some review done on the amount of clearance, not on the acreage and that the policy needs to be modified or adjusted.

The General Manager agreed that he did not see any nexus between the area to be cleared and the amount to be cleared. He suggested that the Councillors organise to discuss the matter with him in the very near future.

18. Councillor Sheather referred to funds for Sister City and stated that during the Estimates Meeting it was indicated to him that there were no changes in last year's budget. There have been increases in the CPI.

The General Manager advised that there were a range of increases on different indexes in the front of the budget that applied to matters contained within the budget.

Councillor Sheather referred to Council's Estimates for 1995/96 and in particular to Section 6110 under .4 and .7 where the Sister City Committee had a budget last year of \$20,000. This year and next year there is a proposed estimate of \$22,000, and besides that, under .7 which the budget varied this year, it was \$9,500, which is \$15,500 and all the funds were not used last year. Council resolved to spend those differently. He referred to Section 356 expenditure and stated that there is an increase from 116 to 129, which he believed is higher than the CPI increase. He was not aware that there was any decrease in any of the items of 6110.

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The Director Community Management & Finance advised that in relation to Sister City in 1994/95 there was an amount of \$20,000 allocated in the original budget but with subsequent quarterly reviews, the amounts were reduced because there had been an indication from the Sister City Association that the funds were not required. Towards the end of the year the funds were not used to the extent that \$20,000 was allocated in one of the financial programs and there was some \$3/\$4,000 expended. The consequence of that was in future years the budget allocation for the Sister City program, whether it be a direct payment or subsidy to the Association, or whether it be expenditure by Council for civic receptions for Sister City activities. In 1995/96 there was only a very small amount expended for the Council component for civic receptions and when the amount is not required nor indicated by the Sister City Association, then in the following year those amounts are reduced.

Councillor Sheather referred to the proposed visit to Tamba this year and the fact that funds are not available. With the CPI increases he wanted to go through the documentation. He asked if a report could come to the Ordinary Meeting indicating what funds are available. If there are funds available those funds should be able to be provided for someone who is going on Council's behalf to represent Council.

The General Manager advised that in the preparation of the budget he was unaware that there was any proposal for an overseas visit. The budget was prepared several months ago. The Council's allocation for the year for the Sister City budget was based on the visits that were coming to the Hawkesbury and the cost of civic receptions for them which varied from tens of thousands to some hundreds of dollars. In the preparation of the budget he was certainly not made aware of any proposed overseas visit.

Councillor Sheather asked if Council is going to reduce the Sister City budget in any way that they be advised. In this case he is Council's representative on Sister City along with Councillor Paine and he doubted whether either of them were spoken to in relation to this matter. Sister City has forecasts printed for the next two years indicating what is going to be done. He asked does he have to ask whether the budget is going to be reduced considering the CPI indicates that there is not any increases.

The Director Community Management & Finance advised that at the time of preparation of the budget the Sister City Association was requested to provide a program for the 1996/97 financial year, which they did. They put in a program for \$15,500. They also advised that they had \$5,000 in the bank account and at that time were able to use those funds towards that program. There was an allocation of \$10,500 in the 1996/97 budget to meet their program requirements and in relation to Council's civic reception activities there was not a requirement for additional funds to be allocated so there was provision of \$5,000 only for civic receptions or associated activities with the Sister City program.

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19. Councillor Paine asked if the Mayor is going on the visit to Japan.

The Mayor stated that the proposed visit is at the time of the Rural Lands Study Summit and the General Purpose Committee meeting. He would not be able to attend during these occasions.

Councillor Paine asked if the Mayor would be going later on in the year.

The Mayor said that it has yet to be determined.

20. Councillor Mackay asked if the SES had been able to formally move into the new Headquarters Building.

Councillor Minturn advised not as yet and that nothing had happened since the beginning of the month. A fair bit of equipment had been moved over there but they were waiting on the air conditioning and telephones.

21. Councillor Mackay asked what is the latest situation regarding Sydney Sandstones' application.

The Director Environment & Development stated that as far as he is aware, the deferred commencement consents, the sand stone sawing and the concrete batching have been approved. Council is still waiting on rezonings.

22. Councillor Mackay asked if it would be wise to have a Notice of Motion in relation to the question raised by Councillor Baczynskyj. What he wants is to have some formal grievance debate and would Council be able to legally have a Notice of Motion and a Council resolution that the Councillors have such a mechanism. Councillors should have some flexibility in the business paper.

The Mayor stated that what he is proposing is for Councillors to get together informally and discuss items within the Code of Meeting Practice and to allow an opportunity for some flexibility and then have a formal resolution coming out of that.

The meeting terminated at 4.15pm.

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Mayor

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General Manager

Mayor