

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

SECTION 3 ORGANISATION & RESOURCES

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General Fund Nos.	45753 -	46454	8,914,911.23
Trust Fund Nos.	4624 -	4634	217,955.00

9,132,866.23

CERTIFICATE BY RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

This summary Warrant presented above is fully supported by Vouchers and Invoices which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods and/or rendition of services and as to prices, computations and costings and the amounts shown were due for payment. The detailed Warrant is available upon request.

L M Weatherstone
Responsible Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS AT 31 AUGUST 1996

GENERAL FUND	CR. 523,926.07
TRUST FUND	CR. 41,813.99

CR. 565,740.06

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GENERAL

Balance - Cash Account as at 1st August 1996	CR. 1,121,772.76
Receipts for period ended 31 August 1996	DR. 9,652,830.87

DR. 8,531,058.11

Payments for period ended 31 August 1996	CR. 8,913,802.43
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CR. 382,744.32

Limit of overdraft arranged with bank	\$800,000.00
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RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that the Cash Book and Bank Statements have been reconciled in all funds as at 31 August 1996.

L M Weatherstone
Responsible Accounting Officer

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Hereunder is the list of amounts invested:

Bank Bills

Interest

<u>Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Interest A/C</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Term Deposits

190 Days	04.09.96	7.63%	Sewerage Fund	206,319.84
190 Days	04.09.96	7.63%	General Fund	2,293,680.16
32 Days	13.09.96	7.05%	General Fund	1,100,000.00
42 Days	30.09.96	7.01%	General Fund	700,000.00
225 Days	11.10.96	7.72%	General Fund	1,000,000.00
62 Days	29.10.96	6.98%	General Fund	600,000.00
62 Days	29.10.96	6.98%	Trust Fund	100,000.00
67 Days	04.11.96	6.98%	General Fund	500,000.00
66 Days	04.11.96	6.99%	General Fund	500,000.00
91 Days	25.11.96	6.94%	General Fund	2,000,000.00
91 Days	25.11.96	6.93%	General Fund	2,000,000.00
91 Days	25.11.96	6.94%	Trust Fund	1,000,000.00
371 Days	05.03.97	8.00%	General Fund	2,000,000.00
380 Days	26.03.97	8.12%	General Fund	3,000,000.00
547 Days	09.05.97	8.00%	General Fund	800,000.00
547 Days	09.05.97	8.00%	General Fund	200,000.00
594 Days	25.06.97	8.00%	General Fund	1,000,000.00

Australian Treasury Corporation

04.08.97	8.45%	Workers Comp Board	950,000.00
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<u>Short Term Investments</u>	General Fund	3,605,000.00
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\$23,555,000.00

RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

I hereby certify that the investments listed above are the total of all money that have been invested and that the investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Council's investment policies.

L M Weatherstone
Responsible Accounting Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NAX.F12

****** END OF ITEM 9 ******

ITEM: 10 **GAS SUPPLY BILL****FILE NUMBER:** GG001/003 PT02/GMA

REPORT:

Section 51 of the Gas Supply Bill currently before State Parliament will from 1999 exempt gas network operators from charges made by Councils under Section 611 of the Local Government Act. Section 611 provides that a Council *"may make an annual charge....for the time being in possession, occupation or enjoyment of a rail, pipe, wire, pole, cable, tunnel or structure laid, erected, suspended, constructed or placed on, under, or over a public place"*.

To date the major contributor under the Section has been AGL. Charges collected from that organisation for the last financial year amounted to \$3 million for Local Government in New South Wales and is therefore an important source of revenue. The charge however, is not restricted to gas suppliers and there are other examples of walkways between buildings and owners of pipe lines between factories and other. It is also possible that the current issue of Optus and its incentive to go underground may be resolved using this Section of the Act.

Crown Agencies and State owned corporations who own utility functions remain exempt from the charges. This is on the basis of Governments not taxing other levels of Government although the recent Commonwealth Sales Tax changes have certainly altered that position. Telecommunications remain exempt under Commonwealth Law regardless of ownership. Electricity distributors are currently exempt under the Electricity Supply Act.

Advice from the Local Government Association is that there has been no consultation over the matter which is extremely disappointing considering the revenue involved and therefore impact on a number of Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NAX.G06

****** END OF ITEM 10 ******

ITEM: 11 WSROC AGM

FILE NUMBER: GM001/005 PT17/GMA

REPORT:

The Annual General Meeting of WSROC will be held on Thursday, 26th September, 1996.

As a member of WSROC, the Council is entitled both by virtue of the Corporations Law and the Articles of Association of the organisation, to nominate a proxy to vote on its behalf at an Annual General Meeting. The Council's delegates would ordinarily be those voting at this meeting, or in their absence, Council's alternative delegates.

If however, the Council chooses to nominate a proxy or proxies, one or both of the delegates or alternatives will not be entitled to vote.

In accordance with the Articles of WSROC's Association, proxies must be received by no later than 3.00pm on Thursday, 26th September, 1996.

It has always been this Council's policy to date to permit its delegates to vote in their own right at WSROC Annual General Meetings.

RECOMMENDATION:

WSROC delegates be entitled to vote in their own right at the Annual General Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NAX.G07

****** END OF ITEM 11 ******

ITEM: 12 **HAWKESBURY YOUTH STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE****FILE NUMBER:** GC210/014/CSV

REPORT:

The Hawkesbury Youth Strategic Plan process is continuing positively and as planned a draft document will be completed by December 1996. The process has greatly increased the collaboration of the major youth organisations servicing the Hawkesbury area and there is increased motivation and commitment to working in partnership to provide youth specific services for Hawkesbury's young residents.

Since the last Forum on 9 May 1996 held at Windsor Function Centre, the Youth Strategic Plan Steering Committee has met regularly and is refining the format and collation of information from the five task groups formed at this forum. The task groups are resourcing information and action in the key areas of : transport and motor vehicle accident prevention, venues and activities, homelessness, employment/unemployment and health. Members of the task groups include representatives from Federal, State and Local Government as well as community workers, residents and young people. All task groups have been very active in consulting with groups of young people in the development of their strategies.

The information and action collated by these task groups will be presented at the next Youth Forum to be held at Windsor Function Centre on Thursday 26 September 1996 from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. This information will form the basis for the Youth Strategic Planning document. This forum will also enable everyone involved and interested in the process to be updated on the progress of the plan and to enable further consultation.

The Youth Strategic Plan will be a critical planning document to be utilised by all organisations in directing action and projects relevant for young people in the Hawkesbury area.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information concerning the Youth Strategic Planning process be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.C01

****** END OF ITEM 12 ******

ITEM: 13 WILBERFORCE SCHOOL OF ARTS USE**FILE NUMBER:** GF008/001 PT14/CSV

REPORT:

Correspondence has been received from the Secretary of the Friends of Australian Pioneer Village regarding a fund raising proposal which relates to the Friends 'conducting an old time bush dance one Saturday per month' in Wilberforce School of Arts.

The funds raised are to be spent on various improvements within the Village and it has been requested that the Council consider waiving the hire fee, being \$105.00 per session.

The Council will recall recently that it resolved to invite expressions of interest for the leasing/purchase/contract management of the Australian Pioneer Village on the basis that the existing management committee continue in a caretaker management capacity until the matter is determined by the Council.

As recently indicated, the Management Committee have agreed to these terms and will continue to operate the Village until a decision is made.

In view of the foregoing, the proposal is supported, particularly mindful of the fact that monies raised will be expended on various improvements to the Village.

It is further considered that in view of the current situation that approval be given to conduct these dances once a month for a period of six months.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.
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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.C04

****** END OF ITEM 13 ******

ITEM: 14 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY - HAWKESBURY - SCHOLARSHIP**FILE NUMBER:** GU001/005 PT03/CSV**REPORT:**

Changes to the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) in the recent Federal Budget have had an impact upon the 1997 Hawkesbury City Scholarship. Established in 1993, the scheme was designed to assist a maximum of four local students at any one time undertaking a three year degree at the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury.

Currently three students are receiving the scholarship and council has been donating an amount equal to the cost of the HECS debt incurred by each student - approximately \$2,000 per student per year.

A system of differential HECS charges (based on subjects studied) will apply for students commencing a course from 1997. It will be a three tiered scheme which reflects the "actual cost of the course undertaken and the likely future benefit to the individual."

\$3,000	for subjects in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, education and nursing.
\$4,700	for subjects in Business, Commerce, Mathematics, Computing, Other Health Sciences, Agriculture, Renewable Resources, Built Environment/Architecture, Science.
\$5,500	for subjects in Law, Justice, Legal Studies, Medical Science, Dentistry, Dental Services and Veterinary Science.

Students enrolled in 1996 and continuing their studies in 1997 and beyond in the same course will continue to pay the existing HECS charge indexed (\$2,442 in 1996. Possibly \$2,487 in 1997 subject to change.)

As a result of these changes the University has invited Council to review the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

The 1996/97 budget provides for a total of \$6,500 and it is felt that this amount should be maintained as a contribution towards these fees with a review of this allocation being made next year.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That Council continue to assist the three local students by offering a HECS subsidy in the amount of \$2,166 each.
- B. This amount be reviewed in conjunction with the 1997/98 estimates.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.C05

****** END OF ITEM 14 ******

ITEM: 15 BELLBIRD HILL LOOKOUT**FILE NUMBER:** GC316/015 PT01/CSV

REPORT:

The timber observation deck at Bellbird Hill Lookout, Kurrajong Heights, has deteriorated and is now in a dangerous condition and has been barricaded from public access.

The decking, which was originally constructed by Kurrajong Rotary Club in 1980 and maintained since that time by Council, is infested with white ants, with sections already collapsing. In view of the need to demolish the viewing platform, it is considered appropriate that options now be considered for the future of the lookout which provides spectacular and far reaching views for the many visitors to this popular location. It is suggested that consideration be given to replacing the platform with a new structure incorporating a restaurant/kiosk facilities, viewing platform, amenities/facilities as well as provision for providing tourism information and services.

A concept plan for the site has been developed by consultant architect Mr Robert Pont which suggests that the cost of erecting the tourist facility outlined above would be in the order of \$350,000 plus fitout. A copy of the plan will be displayed at the meeting. Notwithstanding this, it is suggested that expressions of interest be invited for the leasing, development and operation or purchase of part of the site for developing a tourist facility. By inviting expressions of interest for the site, Council may be then placed in a position of considering a wide range of proposals and designs for the site. It is pointed out that the property is classified as Community Land and if a lease is entered into for a period of greater than twenty-one (21) years or part of the property is sold, a reclassification to Operational will be required. The site, including the land below the lookout was originally purchased by Colo Shire Council for the protection of the escarpment and the establishment of a tourist facility.

It is noted that to demolish the existing platform and to replace it with a similar structure to the current decking, it would cost in the order of \$13,000. Alternatively the platform could be rebuilt by Kurrajong Rotary Club for approximately \$7,000. One of these options could be pursued if there is inappropriate or limited interest expressed in developing or leasing a tourist facility at the lookout.

It is considered that the development of tourist facilities incorporating a restaurant/kiosk will further enhance the popularity of the site and the Kurrajong Heights village in general. Due to the cost of constructing an appropriate facility, a design and construction proposal would be the most favoured option. At this stage Kurrajong Rotary Club would be consulted in this process.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.C08

****** END OF ITEM 15 ******

ITEM: 16 WINDSOR MALL - BAZAAR**FILE NUMBER:** GR120/016 PT02/CSV

REPORT:

A submission has been received from Ms Lydia Gadd, Proprietor of Magic Rainbow, requesting permission to conduct a festival/bazaar on Thursday afternoons within Windsor Mall.

The proposal is to establish markets which create a festival/bazaar type atmosphere and having a different theme to the Sunday markets. It is proposed to hold the bazaar on a Thursday afternoon until early evening to create a festive atmosphere with buskers, jugglers and clowns etc. Stores would have alternative and unusual crafts, organic vegetables and local businesses would be encouraged to participate, with the aim of the organisers to involve as many stallholders as possible from the local area. Additionally, they propose to make provision for local community groups and service organisations to promote their services within the bazaars. The activities would occur in the section of the mall near the paddle wheel and Magic Rainbow.

Should the proposal be accepted, it is suggested that a rental of \$10 per stall apply, which is the same rate as the Sunday markets. The Windsor Chamber of Commerce and the Windsor Mall Craft Group have been consulted in regard to the proposal and have supported the concept which potentially can further enhance and promote activity within the Windsor Mall. Their support is subject to the proposal being promoted as a festival/bazaar as distinct from craft markets.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposal to conduct a festival/bazaar in Windsor Mall on Thursday afternoons be supported subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (i) Payment of a rental equivalent to \$10 per stall.
- (ii) A maximum of fifty (50) stalls to be allowed at any one time, with access to shops open for business not being impeded.
- (iii) The organisers and stallholders being responsible for the cleanliness and clearing of any litter within their specified areas.
- (iv) Pedestrian access within the mall is not to be impeded.
- (v) No exposed hot food counters, boilers or urns to be placed on public areas.
- (vi) The organisers having in place public liability cover by way of a certificate of currency indemnifying themselves and Council in respect of the use of the mall and in the amount of not less than \$5 million, any necessary documentation being completed under seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.C09

**** END OF ITEM 16 ****

ITEM: 17 **ALCOHOL-FREE ZONE - GLOSSODIA SHOPPING CENTRE****FILE NUMBER:** GP070/001 PT05/CSV

REPORT:

A request has been received from the Glossodia Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade and proprietors of businesses in the Glossodia Shopping Centre seeking approval to hold the annual Family Barbeque and Fun Day at Glossodia Shopping Centre.

The event has been held annually as the major fund raiser for the Bush Fire Brigade. This year the event is scheduled on Sunday 13 October 1996 from 11.00am to 4.00pm and shall include picnic games, live band, recorded music, barbeque, beer tent, white elephant stall and car boot sale.

As in previous years the organisers have advised that alcohol shall be available for consumption at the event and are therefore seeking that the alcohol-free zone which applies to this area be temporarily lifted during the event. Under Section 645 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council may temporarily suspend the operation of an alcohol-free zone by resolution and notice of the suspension being published in the local paper.

RECOMMENDATION:

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 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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.C10

****** END OF ITEM 17 ******

ITEM: 18 **FORGOTTEN VALLEY MOBILE RESOURCE UNIT****FILE NUMBER:** GC200/004 PT04./FNC**REPORT:**

The management of the Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit was accepted by Council from 1st July, 1994, for a period of twelve months. This was subsequently extended for a further twelve months to 30th June, 1996. A Special General Meeting was held on 17th July, 1996, of the Incorporated Management Committee and the following motion was adopted.

"That the incorporated 'Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit Incorporated' be dissolved, in accordance with the Constitution, subject to Hawkesbury City Council retaining the auspice and continuing the services of the Unit known as 'The Forgotten Valley Mobile resource Unit' and proceed to set up a local advisory committee.

All the assets of the Unit which are involved with the delivery of the service, including those purchased with departmental funds to be transferred to Hawkesbury City Council so as to facilitate the continued operations and services currently being provided to the residents of the area defined in the Constitution of the Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit Incorporated as Forgotten Valley.

That Darrell Coles as the Public Officer oversee the winding up of Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit Inc., in accordance with paragraphs 43, 45 and 46 of the existing Constitution.

A vote was taken and the 13 present and the 11 proxies all voted in favour of the motion therefore the motion was declared CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit provides the following programs:-

- . Pre-School program at South Maroota and Wisemans Ferry
- . Family Support program for dependent children at risk
- . A youth program for residents in the ages of 12 - 20
- . A transport service for locationally disadvantaged, supported by volunteer drivers
- . Home and community care (HACC) program
- . Vacation care program
- . Community development services

The detail of the objects, strategies and performance measurement criteria for each of the above Programs has been provided in a Strategic Plan for The Forgotten Valley. The Strategic Plan also includes information regarding the history of the Resource Unit, details of the funding bodies and other information relative to the performance and restructuring of the Organisation since Council has managed the facility.

The principal source of funding for the Mobile Resource Unit is by government grants. The Department of Community Services provides funding for 70% of the total revenue of the Unit, with a further 5% being provided by the Department of Transport. Of the total estimated

revenue for the 1996/97 Financial Year of \$291,000, 75% of the revenue is from government grants amounting to approximately \$218,000. On the expenditure side, the major component of the costs relate to employment, employment overheads and general operating costs. The continuation of the programs would be very much dependent upon the funding provided by the government departments.

The Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit has been operated as a separate strategic unit whilst being managed by Council. This method of operation is proposed to be continued if the Resource Unit is dissolved and transferred. It is further proposed that the staff would be put on a performance based contract, not limited to time, and linked to the funding provided by the government departments. The current staff compliment is as follows:-

- . Manager, fulltime
- . Pre-School Director, fulltime
- . Four Pre-School staff, part-time
- . Clerical Assistant, part-time
- . Family Support Worker, part-time
- . Community Development/Volunteer Co-ordinator, part-time
- . Youth Worker, part-time
- . Welfare Worker, part-time
- . One Cleaner, part-time

In addition, the Resource Unit has been sponsoring two "New Work Opportunity" workers through the Commonwealth Employment Service.

The assets of the Resource Unit are located or managed from the Wisemans Ferry Community Hall located in the Hornsby Shire Council area. In addition, the Pre-School program at South Maroota is operated from the public school at South Maroota in the Baulkham Hills Shire Council area. A rental of \$5,200 per annum is paid to the Wisemans Ferry Community Management Committee for the hire of the Hall. The major assets include furnishings and fittings within the two buildings, a community bus and two motor vehicles. The community bus and vehicles are used for the transport program and driven by volunteer drivers co-ordinated by the Resource Unit.

The Resource Unit provides its services to the four local government areas of Baulkham Hills, Gosford, Hawkesbury and Hornsby. Most of the services have been provided without direct financial contribution by the local government areas. Verbal communication with each of the other councils has indicated that there is support for Hawkesbury Council to manage and operate the programs conducted within the their local government areas. The Department of Community Services has also written to the Management Committee prior to the meeting of 17 July, supporting the transfer of the programs to Hawkesbury City Council.

Subject to Council's acceptance of the transfer of the functions of the Resource Unit, it is proposed to establish an advisory group of residents within the Forgotten Valley area to assist in developing and strategically planning services and service delivery which is lacking or requires development in the Forgotten Valley area. The Department of Community Services provided funding to the Resource Unit for a survey into the needs of aged and disabled, and their carers, resident in the Forgotten Valley. This related to programs under the Home and Community

Care (HACC) programs funded by the Department. This survey has been completed by the Consultant and a report has been submitted and its recommendations being examined. This report, along with the input from the proposed advisory committee could be linked to a broader examination of the needs for providing services that could be introduced to improve the quality of life for residents in the Forgotten Valley area.

The history of the Resource Unit is complex and operations has experienced many difficulties for a number of years prior to Council managing the Unit. The planned resumption of control by the Management committee, following 30th June, 1996, when Council was to cease its management role, has not been possible and the resolution at the Special General Meeting resulted. The services that are now available, and provided by the Resource Unit has a high degree of participation and is considered to be essential to residents of the Valley because of the isolation and difficulty in gaining access to those services enjoyed by most other communities. The acceptance of the transfer of the services provided by the Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit to Council would seem appropriate provided the funding is continued by the Government Departments.

RECOMMENDATION:

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.
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.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OG924NBX.F03

****** END OF ITEM 18 ******