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1. WENTWORTH AREA HEALTH SERVICE - RESTRICTION OF SERVICES IN THE HAWKESBURY. P418/85 PT01

Council was advised at the May Ordinary Meeting that correspondence had been received from Mr T M Hamilton, Chief Executive Officer of the Wentworth Area Health Service, indicating that WAHS intended not to proceed with the establishment of a Day Procedures Centre in Windsor for the provision of the full range of fertility services not covered at the new hospital. Mr Hamilton advised that the Day Procedures Centre was envisaged as being required to cater for significantly higher number of surgical procedures than is now the situation given the actual determination on the specific procedures the hospital will not offer in accordance with the beliefs and philosophy of the Catholic Church. The consultation rooms are no longer seen as required as these were largely proposed to ensure the presence of the Women's Health Nurse could be facilitated in Windsor.

The reason stated for not proceeding arises from the inability of the Area Health Service to guarantee that a quality service could be offered from such a facility which would have an extremely low utilisation rate.

The Area Health Service has proposed that residents electing such procedures should be given the option of admission to Nepean Hospital or another public hospital of their choice (presuming such persons elect service in a public hospital). The Area Board has undertaken to reimburse the cost of transport to and from the alternate neighbouring public hospital if any patient incurs financial hardship due to the need to elect a public hospital outside the Hawkesbury.

The Area Health Service will facilitate access to Nepean Hospital for Visiting Medical Officers appointed at Hawkesbury Hospital and who may have patients resident in the Hawkesbury and electing surgical services not available at the new Hawkesbury Hospital in line with the beliefs and philosophies of the Catholic Church.

Council resolved on 7 May 1996 that :

- "1. *Representations be made to the Minister for Health, Dr Andrew Refshauge, through our State representatives.*
2. *Council support further reasonable initiatives to achieve restoration of the services outlined within this Minute, and that these initiatives be reported back to Council."*

A reply has been received from Mr Paul Gibson MP, Member for Londonderry, following his personal representations. Mr Gibson has provided a reply from the Minister for Health, which states :-

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"I refer to your letter on behalf of the Hawkesbury City Council by Councillor (Dr) Rex Stubbs concerning recent advice from the Wentworth Area Health Service that it cannot proceed with its earlier proposals to establish a Day Procedures Centre in the Hawkesbury.

Mr Tom Hamilton, Chief Executive Officer, Wentworth Area Health Service has advised me that the Board's decision has been based on its inability to be able to guarantee that quality health services could continuously be offered to the local community from such a facility. I appreciate the initial intent of establishing this facility was to provide for services which will not be available through the new Hawkesbury Hospital in line with the philosophy and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

Mr Hamilton has advised me that the Board's decision was based on an estimate that approximately 50 totally elective procedures would not be offered through the new Hawkesbury Hospital due to restrictions applying at a Catholic operated hospital. He advises that while some disagreement exists as to the precise number of these procedures there can be no dispute that they represent a very low utilisation rate for a Day Procedures Centre not attracting other surgical workload.

I am further advised that it is not practical to direct further surgical procedures from the new hospital to attempt to support a Day Procedures Centre as such would only result in the community being offered a lesser overall quality service than can be provided through the new hospital.

Given the abovementioned factors, the Wentworth Area Health Service has now understandably had to review its previous proposal on the Day Procedures Centre. It is totally inappropriate for the Area Health Service to proceed with plans that it believes would result in delivery of a less than adequate service in terms of quality to the local community.

As you appreciate, I and this Government have opposed the actions of the previous State Liberal Government in privatising our State Public Hospitals and the issue you raise in relation to Hawkesbury Hospital is another example of the failure of the former State Liberal Government's experiment with the privatisation of our public hospital system.

It does remain the responsibility of the Wentworth Area Health Service to work with the local community on the planning and operation of its health services. I am assured that the Area Health Board is totally committed to work with the Council on any alternate proposals Council may have to that put by the Board.

It would be appropriate for Dr Stubbs to pursue this matter with the Chief Executive Officer, Wentworth Area Health Service, Mr Tom Hamilton on (047) 24 2441."

Further contact has been made with Mr Tom Hamilton, who has now advised by letter dated 2 July, 1996 as follows :-

"I refer to recent discussions and publicity concerning health services which it was considered may not be available through the new Hawkesbury Hospital based on an understanding of the beliefs and philosophy of the Catholic Church.

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A series of recent meetings between myself, the Obstetricians and Gynaecologists at Hawkesbury Hospital, representatives of the new Hawkesbury Hospital has achieved agreement on operational policies for sterilisation procedures at the new Hawkesbury Hospital. These operational policies will ensure that the local community receives an excellent and sufficiently broad service from the new hospital.

The very few procedures which will now not be available through the new hospital can best be provided through Nepean Hospital which is equipped with the diagnostic facilities required in foetal assessment in cases where termination of pregnancy might be considered.

The latest agreement reached on operational policies for the new hospital eliminates the need for any stand alone surgical facility in the Hawkesbury and the Area Health Board has undertaken to re-examine this matter should access difficulties arise in the future.

I appreciate your interest in this matter and believe the outcome now achieved guarantees access to high quality health services for all members of the Hawkesbury community.

The resolution of this matter has been endorsed by the Hawkesbury Hospital Medical Staff Council."

It is recommended that the information be received.

Councillor Rex Stubbs
Mayor

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

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Section 2 **Notices of Motion**

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By Councillor M E Lawson :

That Council make a donation of \$500 (five hundred dollars) to the Young Women's Festival to be held in North Richmond on Saturday, 28 September, 1996 to assist with the operating costs of the day.

Note : The North Richmond Youth Project and the North Richmond Community Centre will be holding a Young Women's Festival in North Richmond on Saturday, 28 September 1996. The Festival is being held to bring young women together in the area and to celebrate positive images of young women. The day will include workshops for young women on a variety of topics as well as dancing and music provided by some local all girl bands.

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

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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 25 June 1996, commencing at 9.30am.

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor W J M Mackay.

Councillor Calvert arrived at the meeting at 10.00am.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books and seconded by Councillor Lawson that the apology be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather and seconded by Councillor Sahasrabuddhe that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 28 May 1996, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

MAYORAL MINUTES

1. SPORTS COUNCIL - ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS GR030/030 PT03

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE SPORTS COUNCIL be allocated \$245,000 (two hundred & forty five thousand) for capital works, with these funds coming from the \$165,000 (one hundred and sixty five thousand) allocated for traffic facilities in West Market Street Richmond and \$80,000 (eighty thousand) for the relocation of the driveway at the Indoor Sports Stadium. Further, that the Sports Council be advised that these funds are for capital works only and that it be requested to advise priorities for its expenditure.

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

161: 1. EXHIBITION OF DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN - "THE ISLANDS", HERMITAGE ROAD, KURRAJONG - PROPOSED 32 LOT COMMUNITY TITLE SUBDIVISION ON LITTLE ISLAND - PROPOSED LIMITS ON DEVELOPMENT 2. APPLICATION FOR A DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT (IN PRINCIPLE) APPROVAL FOR EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES ON MIDDLE ISLAND. (LEP02/96; LEP03/96; LEP04/96; SA065/94; DA065/95/EVD; SA 052/96/EVD)

Applicant: Don Fox Planning Pty Ltd
Applicants Reps: Don Fox Planning Pty Ltd
Owner: Mr JH Harris
Stat. Provisions: Hawkesbury LEP 1989
Area: 845ha
Zone: Environment and Protection 7(d)
Advertising: Adjoining and nearby property owners; Community Consultative Committee; Local Press
Date Received: March 1995; delays due to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning not accepting a SEPP1 application; consultation with residents; preparation and advertising of a Draft Local Environmental Plan; Council inspection; assessment of revised application

Key Issues:

- , Effluent disposal & water quality
- , Traffic
- , Bush fire
- , Escarpment preservation
- , Ecological values

Action:

Support amended Draft Local Environmental Plan.

Not support the application for a deferred commencement approval for the equestrian facilities on Middle Island at this stage because of the requirement for an EIS for effluent disposal.

Mr Don Fox, for the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Ms Barbara Jagoe and Ms Celestine Everingham, objectors, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT DRAFT local environmental plan 2/96 to permit a 32 (thirty two) lot community title subdivision, 30 (thirty) lots with building entitlements, on part of Lot 182 DP 701978 (Little Island), Hermitage Road, Kurrajong, be referred to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning for final gazettal. Further that draft local environmental plan 2/96 be amended to prohibit the further subdivision of the "The Islands" being Lot 181 DP 701978 (Middle Island), Lot 182 DP 701978 (Little Island) and Lot 1 DP 184741 (Big Island).
- B. That draft local environmental plan 3/96 be amended to retain the existing Environmental Protection Scenic 7(d) zone generally over those parts of the "The Islands" labelled:-
2. *Rural Residential Development*
 3. *Equestrian & Tourist Facilities*
 4. *Passive Recreation*
- on the overall concept plan for "The Islands" prepared by McKinlay Morgan & Associates Pty Ltd and dated 31 March 1995.
- C. That draft local environmental plan 3/96 be amended to apply the Environment Protection 7(e) zone to those parts of the "The Islands" generally labelled as 1. *Scenic Reserve* on the overall concept plan for "The Islands" prepared by McKinlay Morgan & Associates Pty Ltd and dated 31 March 1995 incorporating minor changes recommended by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to include native vegetation and not just trees in the removal prohibition and to require development consent for dwellings and to allow fencing and conservation management works with consent.
- D. That a deferred commencement development approval be issued for the equestrian facility excluding the bunkhouse accommodation subject to compliance with the following deferred commencement conditions:-
- . a waste management plan being submitted which demonstrates the removal of manure from the stable complexes off site or alternatively its land application by a manure spreader at a rate which will not result in pollution of surrounding creeks.
 - . submission of detailed plans for the equestrian facility showing the location of arenas, stabling (including elevations), manager's residence (including elevations), and the other infrastructure referred to in the application.
 - . submission of evidence from the Department of Land and Water Conservation of approval for the licence to extract water for the proposed equestrian facility and irrigation system.

- . no camping on site to be undertaken without the separate consent of Council.

Upon compliance with the deferred commencement conditions that development consent be issued under delegated authority subject to appropriate conditions.

- E. That the applicant be advised that the external road construction requirements which would be required as a condition of approval on a community title subdivision application for Little Island would be as detailed in the report being:-

(proceeding from Bells Line of Road)

- Forty six percent (46%) of any required land acquisition costs plus forty six percent (46%) of construction costs to achieve widening of Bells Line of Road at the Hermitage Road intersection to improve sight distance for right turning traffic and the provision of a right turn bay. Plans to be submitted and approved by the Roads and Traffic Authority. Plus the following:-
- Land acquisition costs plus construction to achieve localised widening of Hermitage Road opposite No 90 to increase the pavement width by a maximum of approximately 1.5m (one point five) tapering away either side of the bend. Plans to be submitted and approved by Council.
- Land acquisition costs plus construction to achieve localised widening at the bend opposite the Douglas Farm Road intersection to increase the pavement width by a maximum of approximately 1.0m (one point zero) tapering away either side of the bend. Plans to be submitted and approved by Council.
- Edge reconstruction adjacent to No.143 Hermitage Road for the frontage of Part Portion 168 DP 751649 (property opposite Douglas Farm Road intersection) being a distance of approximately 400 (four hundred) metres. Work to be done to the satisfaction of the Director Asset Services and Recreation.
- Relocate poles and remove trees close to the road adjacent to No. 144 Hermitage Road for a distance of approximately 400 (four hundred) metres (opposite the edge reconstruction identified above). Work to be done to the satisfaction of the Director Asset Services and Recreation.
- The reconstruction and realignment of the curve outside Lot 1002 DP 848888 (No. 244). Plans to be submitted and approved by Council.

- Construction of Hermitage Road, including a sealed pavement and any necessary drainage from Mountain View Close to the property boundary (note: the road would need to be constructed past this point as a condition of approval for the community title subdivision). The tree in the road reservation at the Mountain View Close intersection should be retained in a traffic island. Plans to be submitted and approved by Council.
- These works be staged in accordance with the AADT for both developments.

Or, alternatively, at the discretion of Council

- One hundred percent (100%) of the required land acquisition costs plus one hundred percent (100%) of the construction costs to achieve widening of Bells Line of Road at the Hermitage Road intersection to improve sight distance for right turning traffic and the provision of a right turn bay. Plans to be submitted and approved by the Roads and Traffic Authority. Plus the following:-
- Construction of Hermitage Road, including a sealed pavement and any necessary drainage from Mountain View Close to the property boundary (note: the road would need to be constructed past this point as a condition of approval for the community title subdivision). The tree in the road reservation at the Mountain View Close intersection would need to be retained in a traffic island. Plans to be submitted and approved by Council.

- F. That the applicant be requested to withdraw SA052/96 which seeks approval for clearing on Big Island and Middle Island and the subdivision of the whole property into 18 (eighteen) allotments of 40 (forty) hectares or more.

162: PROPOSED TENNIS COURT LIGHTING - PART PORTION 123 PARISH KURRAJONG - "GOLDFINDERS", OLD BELLS LINE OF ROAD, KURRAJONG (ADJACENT TO BRIDGE OVER LITTLE WHEENEY CREEK) (BA277/96/EVD)

Applicant:	Christopher Hallam
Applicants Reps:	None advised
Owner:	Mr C and Mrs S Hallam
Stat. Provisions:	Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989
Area:	6,576m ²
Zone:	Rural 1(b)
Advertising:	Adjoining owners notified with one objection
Date Received:	18 March 1996

Key Issues:

- , Impact on the view of the adjoining owner
- , Noise

Action:

Deferred commencement approval subject to conditions

Mr Howard Buckett, an objector, addressed the Committee.

Mr Chris Hallam, the owner, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT A DEFERRED commencement development approval be issued conditional upon the applicant satisfying the Director Environment and Development that there will be no illumination from the tennis court lighting beyond the common boundary between the applicant and objector.

Following satisfaction of this condition, the application be approved under delegated approval subject to the following conditions:-

1. Tennis court lights to be turned off at 10.30pm.
2. The use of the court is to be limited to private use ie no hiring of the court to the general public.
3. Tallowood trees to be planted at 2 (two) metre intervals.
4. Lights to be used after 9.30pm on 3 (three) nights per week only.
5. That Mr Buckett be able to build an appropriate screen on his place.
6. That this be reported back to Council in 12 (twelve) months.

163: TOWN PLANNING - STRATEGIC WORKS PROGRAM (GT090/001/EVD)**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE to support in principle a greater priority being given to strategic planning (within the existing budgetary constraints) and to receive a report on a priority list of studies that need to be undertaken along with resourcing and timing considerations.

164: TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER - 99 GROSE VALE ROAD, NORTH RICHMOND (P722/435/EVD)**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT HASSELL Pty Ltd be advised that Council opposes the construction of the telecommunications tower on the grounds that the tower will be visually obtrusive and that insufficient information has been provided regarding the unsuitability of alternative sites.
2. That Hassell Pty Ltd be notified of the recommendation of the General Purpose Committee prior to consideration at the Ordinary Meeting on 9 July 1996.

165: ST ALBANS MARKET - LOT 11 DP844973 WHARF STREET, ST ALBANS - AMENDMENT TO HLEP 1989 (P2321/85/EVD)**COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT A draft Local Environmental Plan be prepared to amend HLEP 1989 by inserting a clause on temporary use of non-residential land.
2. St Albans markets be advised that Council raises no objections to the conducting of a Sunday market on the third Sunday of each month, subject to the requirements of the Director, Environment and Development.

166: SYDNEY WATER - WATER SUPPLY TO DEVELOPMENT WITHIN HAWKESBURY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (GW020/007/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. COUNCIL ADOPT a priority of water allocation based on existing zoned areas prior to rezoning additional areas.
2. That initially Council agree to the provision of reticulated water to any development which has received subdivision or development approval.
3. A report be brought forward on the impact on the current rezonings on the future allocation of available water connections.
4. A report be brought forward on the investigation of a Residential Strategy for the Council.
5. Sydney Water and DUAP be advised that Council is establishing a procedure of water allocation and intends to conduct a residential strategy for future residential growth.
6. Council invite Sydney Water to address Council.

167: BLIGH PARK NORTH - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - ADVICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND PLANNING (LEP016/93 PT03/EVD)

Councillor Calvert declared an interest in this matter as his parents live in the district.

Mr Trevor Devine, objector, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT A MEETING be convened with property owners in the Bligh Park North area to discuss other land use options including rural residential development.

168: REZONING PART LOT 453 DP749371 THORLEY STREET, GEORGE STREET, COLONIAL DRIVE AND WETHERILL CRESCENT, BLIGH PARK, SOUTH WINDSOR (LEP8/95/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT NO action be taken pursuant to Section 68 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.
2. That Council use its delegation to furnish the Section 69 report to the Minister.
3. That the application be referred to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning for gazettal.

169: AMENDMENT OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENT TO PERMIT THE ERECTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 15 UNITS - APPROVED AGED PERSONS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR 71 UNITS - KING ROAD, WILBERFORCE - GARY WHITE PROPERTY CENTRE (DA236/93: DA175/95/EVD)

Applicant:	Gary White Property Centre
Applicants Reps:	Nil
Owner:	A McIntyre
Stat. Provisions:	Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 State Environmental Planning Policy No.5 - Housing for Aged and Disabled Persons
Area:	26 hectares
Zone:	Environmental Protection (Scenic) 7(d1)
Advertising:	Adjoining property owners notified with one submission being received.
Date Received:	17 April 1996

Key Issues:

- , Existing consent
- , Effluent disposal
- , Amenity

Action:

Approval subject to the same conditions applicable to the development consent of 13 September 1994.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE APPLICATION to amend DA236/93 by the inclusion of an additional 15 units generally in accordance with the amended layout prepared by R & P Collis Drafting Services, Issue E, and dated 15 April 1996 be approved subject to:

- A. Compliance with the conditions of development consent in Council's letter of 21 September 1994.
- B. A revised water cycle study being submitted demonstrating the feasibility of disposal of effluent including the impact of the proposal on the water balance of the area and water quality of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River.
- C. That the applicant be advised that Lot 1 DP516593 is not included in either the development application or development approval and that any development of Lot 1 DP516593 will require the separate consent of Council.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

23: TENDERS FOR PLANT HIRE (GT020/323 PT01/ENG)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE SCHEDULE list for the hire of plant on a comprehensive basis for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 be adopted.

24: MACQUARIE STREET ROAD CLOSURE (1341/R PT03/ENG)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

AN ON SITE inspection be carried out.

The Committee inspected the site at 3.05 pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor, and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, H J M Books, R G Calvert, M E Lawson, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe, R D Searle and L C Sheather.

1. THAT THE MATTER be referred to the Local Traffic Committee with advice that Council would prefer an option other than closure.
2. That residents be invited to address the Local Traffic Committee.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

**44: COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF CAR PARK LAND - BAKER STREET, WINDSOR.
(P731/140 PT06/CSV)**

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION concerning the compulsory acquisition of the car park land off Baker Street, Windsor, owned by Nevitoro Pty Ltd be received.

45: RICHMOND SWIMMING CENTRE SITE (TP080/001 PT04/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

- , THAT A PLAN of Subdivision be prepared for the Richmond Swimming Centre site in East Market Street, Richmond ie Lot 2 DP202288, excising an area of 8,400m² (eight thousand four hundred) which adjoins properties fronting Hereford Street. Further, that following the preparation of the Plan of Subdivision:-
- (i) A Local Environmental Plan be prepared to change the zoning of the newly created lot to Residential 2(a);
 - (ii) A Local Environmental Plan be prepared to reclassify the newly created lot as 'operational';
 - (iii) Subject to (i) and (ii) being approved, a development application be lodged for the construction of up to 28 (twenty eight) 2 (two) storey townhouses on the site; and
 - (iv) Once all approvals are obtained, expressions of interest be invited for the sale, ground lease or joint development of the site.
2. That relevant Swimming Clubs/Associations and the Sports Council be advised of Council's decision.
3. A report on the overall swimming pool planning needs for Richmond and North Richmond be brought forward to Council.

46: AUSTRALIAN PIONEER VILLAGE - FINANCIAL REVIEW (GC283/107 PT04/CSV)

See Item 51.

47: YOUTH ART ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - ST MONICA'S EXHIBITION (GF008/001 PT13/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A DONATION OF \$500 (five hundred dollars) be forwarded to the organisers of "Everything Artistic" to support a Youth Art Encouragement Award and that Hawkesbury City Council be acknowledged as a sponsor of this event.

48: UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS (GC130/032/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT A 'MUSIC In The Park' event be supported, incorporating a performance by the SBS Youth Orchestra to be staged in McQuade Park 8th December 1996.

That an allocation of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) be made to support 'Carnivale' activities in Richmond during September as outlined in this report.

49: MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - MAY 1996 (GF011/005 PT04/FNC)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

50: HAWKESBURY SPORTS COUNCIL INC - TENDERS FOR MOWING CONTRACT (GR030/030 PT04/FNC/FNC)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. Option 2 submitted by James Enterprises Pty Ltd, in the amount of \$79,716 (seventy nine thousand seven hundred and sixteen dollars) per annum, being for Areas 1 - 4 as defined in the Tender Specification, be accepted for a period of 2 (two) years, with an option of 2 (two) years, and variation each year in accordance with the consumer price index for the Sydney Region, all groups, and
2. Option 3 submitted by G.D. & S.D. Hodgen, in the amount of \$31,351.95 (thirty one thousand three hundred and fifty one dollars & ninety five cents) per annum, being Area 5 as defined in the Tender Specification, be accepted for a period of 2 (two) years, with an option of 2 (two) years, and variation each year in accordance with the consumer price index for the Sydney Region.

51. AUSTRALIAN PIONEER VILLAGE - FINANCIAL REVIEW GC283/107 PT04/CSV

Item 46 was dealt with in conjunction with Item 51.

Mr B McKinlay addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL INVITE expressions of interest for the management, lease or purchase of the facility with the current Management Committee being invited to continue its operations for a further 6 (six) months on the basis as outlined in this report.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Minturn asked if it is possible to place a bin in front of the CWA Hall at Kurrajong.
2. Councillor Baczynskyj asked how much did the 1867 signs cost and why was Hawkesbury City Council not acknowledged on the signs.

The Director Environment & Development advised that he did not have a final costing but the figure was approximately half of the original estimate due to variations in the types of materials used and the survey technique. There was no particular reason why Council was not acknowledged. The sign was done in consultation with the DAMIT Committee and the design had been changed a number of times.

3. Councillor Baczynskyj asked where in Council's documents does it explain the procedures for motions of urgency.

The Mayor advised it is contained within the Council's Code of Meeting Practice which is derived from the Local Government Act.

4. Councillor Baczynskyj asked when the Tree Planting Policy is due to come before Council.

The Director Asset Services & Recreation advised that it is currently being formulated and will go to the next General Purpose Committee Meeting.

5. Councillor Ravi asked if any expressions of interest had been received regarding the March Street proposal.

The Director Corporate Services & Community Relations advised that nothing specific had been received to date. The strategy is to continue to advertise with the erection of signage on the site and to look at other options in terms of advertising through property and other journals.

6. Councillor Sheather asked about the use of mobile telephones in the Council Chambers during meetings.

The General Manager advised that Council had resolved that mobile phones be not allowed to be used in the Council Chambers area during meetings. If necessary, mobile phone numbers can be diverted to another part of the office and messages taken.

7. Councillor Sheather referred to the removal of trees on a property in close proximity to Chapel and Francis Streets where an application had been lodged for a garage. He asked if this could be investigated and dealt with appropriately.

The Director Environment & Development advised that this would be done.

8. Councillor Sheather referred to a drainage problem in King Road/Sackville Road and generally in the built up area of Wilberforce where the water is not being allowed to get off the road, and asked if this could be investigated.

The Director Asset Services & Recreation undertook to have the problem investigated.

9. Councillor Books asked if in future when a Motion of Urgency comes before Council, that it be fully explained to the Councillors that they cannot vote or talk prior to agreeing to such a motion.

The Mayor undertook to arrange for the relevant section of the Code of Meeting Practice to be circulated to the Councillors.

10. Councillor Allan asked if it is too late with the wombat crossing that she had requested to be stopped to allow for some planter boxes to be installed on the site.

The Director Asset Services & Recreation undertook to investigate the request.

11. Councillor Paine asked what is happening about the Police Station site in Forbes Street, Windsor.

The General Manager advised that the land belongs to the Department and there has been no approach made to Council in this regard.

12. Councillor Paine referred to the luncheon on Sunday that was hosted by Council to which The Hon Ron Phillips had been invited, at which three of the Councillors were not introduced to Mr Phillips. She asked at future lunches could they be introduced to the guest of honour.

13. Councillor Paine asked for an up date on the women's health issues.

The Mayor advised that some agreement had been reached between the Department of Obstetrics, the operators of the new hospital and Wentworth Area Health Service, the majority of those to whom he has spoken are happy with the outcome.

Councillor Paine asked if the Council would be informed of the position in writing.

The Mayor advised that when he is informed in writing, he will be happy to inform the Councillors.

14. Councillor Paine referred to the recent results achieved regarding the Glossodia/Freemans Reach/Wilberforce Sewerage System and suggested that some action be taken with the State Government.

The Mayor asked the General Manager to detail the action already taken in this regard.

The General Manager gave details of the actions taken by Council commencing by the approval of the subdivision in 1960 to the present position with the funding of \$250,000 by the Commonwealth Government to undertake certain works. Both the Member for Hawkesbury and Member for Macquaire had been involved in these discussions.

15. Councillor Calvert asked if any response had been received from Mr Rozzoli or the RTA in regard to Colonial Drive, Rifle Range Road and the intersection at the Corner of George Street and Blacktown Road.

The Director Asset Services & Recreation advised that he had not been in touch with Mr Rozzoli and that nothing had been received from the RTA as yet. He advised that he would be taking the matter up this week.

16. Councillor Books stated that with the announcement of the new Police Station going to Richmond and the Court House is it possible for Council to have discussions with the Department regarding the use of that area between Hayes Bros and East Richmond.

The General Manager advised that the land is owned by the Crown and there is a very substantial drainage cost involved in developing that land.

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES - WARRAGAMBA DAM

Mr D Snape and Mr J Petrie of Sydney Water, and Mr M Geary, Mr A Lowe and Mr J Bodicott of the Department of Land and Water Conservation addressed the Committee on Warragamba Dam, flood mitigation proposals and floodplain management.

The meeting adjourned for an inspection at 2.50pm.

The meeting terminated at 3.40pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 30 July 1996.

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Mayor

ORDINARY

Section 4 **Reports for Determination**

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Meeting Date: 9 July 1996

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ITEM: 252

ACQUISITION OF LAND, MCGRATHS HILL

FILE NUMBER:

SA0143; P730/490; DA155/93; LEP020/93; DA0225/92/FNC

REPORT:

The Sports Council has requested the Council to consider acquisition of land adjacent to Colbee Park for additional recreation facilities.

In terms of population and recreational land demand, there is no requirement for the area, as the current land held for this purpose exceeds any Australian standard. The Sports Council however, is of the opinion that creating larger facilities on a district basis is more economical in the long run. There will still however, be the requirement of the Council for local residents to maintain a certain standard of recreation facility within proximity of residents.

The land they wish to acquire is an area of 3.436 hectares being part of Lot 4 in subdivision of Lots 1-10, DP831546 owned by R.E.T. Enterprises and adjoining the Colbee Park area. It is capable of containing one football field, with a reasonable curtilage. It would probably be necessary to then acquire further land to the east of a similar size, if and when it became available.

Lot 4 has a total area of 5.436 hectares and the proposed acquisition would necessitate a further subdivision of the property. The further subdivision is permissible within the zone. The costs associated with the subdivisions should be at the owner's expense.

The area is separated from Colbee Park by Bismarck Street, which is unconstructed and which has a drainage channel. The cost of completing this drainage channel to an acceptable standard to allow the area to be used is currently \$110,000. It would then be necessary to fence the area required and later construct the playing field. The acquisition cost of the land is \$90,000, with this being the valuation provided by the Council's Valuer and agreed to by the landowner. The Sports Council proposes that funding for the proposal come from the income of the sale of the land to the Windsor Leagues Club. This is being sold over a ten year period, with six monthly repayments of principal and interest combined in the amount of \$12,829.42. Therefore funds for the acquisition will have to be on a loan basis and then this repaid from the mortgage payments by the Leagues Club.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

1. Part Lot 4 in subdivision Lots 1-10, DP831546 on the corner of Old Hawkesbury Road and Havelock Streets, being an area of 3.436 (three point four three six) hectares, be acquired from R.E.T. Enterprises Pty Limited, in the amount of \$90,000 (ninety thousand).

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2. The funds for the acquisition be provided by way of an advance to Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc., from the Property Development Reserve and to be repaid from the repayments of the mortgage to Windsor Leagues Club Ltd.
3. Funding for the drainage works be provided to Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc., by way of an advance from the Property Development Reserve and to be repaid from the repayments of the mortgage to Windsor Leagues Club Ltd.
4. The costs of the further subdivision of Lot 4 be borne by the owner.
5. The necessary documents be executed under Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NAX.F26

****** END OF ITEM 252 ******

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: **9 July 1995**

Item: **253**

ITEM: 253 LEASING OF REVEREND TURNER COTTAGE

FILE NUMBER: GC283/039 PT02/CSV

REPORT:

Greening Australia have recently vacated Reverend Turner Cottage.

An application to lease these premises, adjoining the Council Offices, has been received from Michael O'Brien and Co Chartered Accountants for the purposes of office space. The firm is well established in the Windsor area and it is considered that the professional nature of their business is an appropriate use for the historic cottage.

The Cottage comprising 5 large offices, kitchen, amenities and allocated car space and is offered for lease at \$1,285.00 (one thousand two hundred and eighty five dollars) per calendar month. This gross rental includes a contribution to outgoings for council rates, water rates and usage, grounds maintenance, insurance and electricity.

The term of the proposed lease agreement has been negotiated for a period of 2 (two) years with an option for a further term of 3 (three) years. Rental shall be reviewed annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for Sydney and then to market rental at the end of the initial term.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council lease Reverend Turner Cottage, 360 George Street, Windsor being part of Lot 1 in DP998012, to The Figure Works Pty Limited on the following basis:-

Term 2 (two) years.

Option 3 (three) years.

Annual gross rental \$15,420 (fifteen thousand four hundred and twenty dollars)

Rent reviewed annually in accordance with CPI.

Rent reviewed to market at end of initial term.

Use of demised premises - accountancy practice.

Lessee's to pay security bond of \$1,285 (one thousand two hundred and eighty five dollars)

Lessee's to provide insurance cover for Plate Glass and \$10 million Public Liability.

2. All necessary documents be completed under the Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.C01

****** END OF ITEM 253 ******

ITEM: 254**ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS UNDER DETERMINATION****FILE NUMBER:**

GA010/011 PT01 AND GA010/012 PT02/CSV

REPORT:

The Department of Land and Water Conservation has advised that two Aboriginal Land Claims lodged by the Daruk Local Aboriginal Council are currently under determination. The Department seeks comment from Council in assessing these claims. Location plans of the subject Crown Lands shall be displayed at the meeting.

Under the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, refusal of a claim over Crown Land (which is otherwise claimable) must be based on lawful use and occupation, or the need or likely need of the land for an essential public purpose or as residential lands.

Aboriginal Land Claim 5447

This claim has been lodged on the balance of Crown Land in Reserve 79779, Laws Farm Road, Lower Portland.

Reserve 79779 for public recreation was gazetted on 2 August 1957 and Council was appointed trustee on 1 November 1957.

It is noted that Aboriginal Land Claim 3444 for 52.63 hectares (Lot 201 DP824060) of Reserve 79779 was determined by the Land and Environment Court on 8 December 1994 and transferred to the Daruk Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Claim 5447 also included two parcels of land adjoining Reserve 79779 comprising lots 4 and 7 in DP252546 at 899 and 896 Peat Place, Lower Portland, along the Hawkesbury River. Our records show that lots 4 and 7 are in the ownership of Council and following investigation by the Department of Land and Water Conservation are no longer subject to claim 5447, as they are not Crown Lands claimable under the Act.

Fire Control advise that the balance of Reserve 79779, being claimed, is of high fire risk and that it is of importance for the Bush Fire Service to be able to carry out fire prevention works in this area. The interests of an authority can be preserved by an imposition of a condition, such as a covenant or easement, on any title that may be granted to the Land Council. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Department be requested to consider the following in determining this claim:-

- (i) the allowance of fire mitigation and fire fighting activities
- (ii) the provision of legal access for fire fighting authorities to any fire trails or tracks; and,
- (iii) the maintenance of fire trails or tracks at a level acceptable to local fire fighting authorities.

Aboriginal Land Claim 2836

This claim has been lodged on a 40 acre parcel of Crown Land identified as Lot 2 DP75382 (portion 2 parish of Windsor) Upper MacDonald Road, High MacDonald. The parcel bounds with the MacDonald River and Yengo National Park, with access to the parcel being via a Crown Reserve Road. Council has not been appointed trustee nor been given care, control and management of the Crown Land parcel.

As there is no need or likely need of these lands, identified, for an essential public purpose or as residential lands, the raising of objections to the granting of these claims could not be substantiated. It is considered that the granting of Aboriginal Land Claims 5447 and 2836 would have no detrimental effect upon Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. No objection be raised to the granting of Aboriginal Land Claim 5447, with the Department of Land and Water Conservation requested to address the requirements of Fire Control for the allowance of fire mitigation and fighting, and provision of legal access to and maintenance of fire trails/tracks, when determining this claim.
2. No objection be raised to the granting of Aboriginal Land Claim 2836.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.C03

****** END OF ITEM 254 ******

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: **9 July 1996**

Item: **255**

ITEM: 255 ANNUAL DONATION TOY LIBRARY

FILE NUMBER: GF008/001 PT12/CSV

REPORT:

A request has been received from Hawkesbury District Care N Share Toy Library Inc asking Council to donate \$400.00 to maintain the service.

The Toy Library has requested this donation to assist in meeting the increase in rental at the Bligh Park Childrens Centre from \$420.00 to \$820.00 per year.

This service, run by volunteers, gives children access to a wide variety of toys which encourage learning and development through play experiences.

Last year Council agreed to donate \$1,500.00 to this organisation to acquire toys and also resolved that consideration be made in each annual budget as to the level of financial assistance to be provided to this organisation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council donate \$400.00 (four hundred dollars) to the Hawkesbury District Care N Share Toy Library Inc to assist in covering increased rental costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.C06

****** END OF ITEM 255 ******

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: **9 July 1996**

Item: **256**

ITEM: 256 COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF CAR PARK LAND, BAKER STREET, WINDSOR.

FILE NUMBER: P731/140 PT06/CSV

REPORT:

As reported to the last General Purpose Committee Meeting there is a variation by way of a reduction identified in relation to the land to be acquired by Council from Nevitono Investments Pty Ltd.

The reduction is in excess of 200m² and relates specifically to the Court direction for Council to acquire that specific land zoned 'Car Park' under the Hawkesbury Local Environment Plan. The revised area is identified as proposed Lot 3 in a Plan of Subdivision of Lot 1, DP69108 and Lot 1, DP600502 with an area of 1,072m².

The Department of Local Government have now advised that, notwithstanding their previous approval to a larger parcel of land, specific approval to the amended parcel will be required, together with a resolution classifying it as 'Operational' under the terms of the Local Government Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to acquire that area of land identified as proposed Lot 3 in the Plan of Subdivision of Lot 1, DP69108 and Lot 1, DP600502 having an area of 1,072m² from Nevitono Investments Pty Limited and that the land be classified as 'Operational' under the terms of the Local Government Act.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 256 ******

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: **9 July 1996**

Item: **257**

ITEM: 257

DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTION UNDER SEAL

FILE NUMBER:

GC200/004 PT03/FNC

REPORT:

Department of Transport

Funding agreement for the Forgotten Valley
Mobile Resource Unit Transport Program.

Residential Tenancy Agreement

Lease of Unit 6 John Tebbutt Mews, being a
three bedroom villa home, to Neil Whalan and
Chris Huxley. Lease term of 6 (six) months at a
rental of \$185.00 (one hundred and eighty five
dollars) per week.

Retail Lease

Renewal of lease for premises at 139 March
Street, Richmond to GIO Australia, for a term of
one year at an annual rental of \$9,105.00 (nine
thousand one hundred and five dollars) to be
reviewed in accordance with the CPI for Sydney
at the end of the one year term.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Seal be affixed to the abovementioned documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.F11

****** END OF ITEM 257 ******

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: 9 July 1996

Item: 258

ITEM: 258 ADOPTION OF 1996/97 ESTIMATES AND MANAGEMENT PLAN/SEWERAGE FUND

FILE NUMBER: GR010/006 PT06, GM001/002 PT03/FNC

REPORT:

The Management Plan for the Sewerage Fund was adopted on 11th June, 1996, and has been advertised with the closing date being 9th July, 1996. At the time of preparation of this report, no submissions had been received. Any submissions received prior to the meeting will be reported as late items.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Management Plan and Estimates for 1996/97 as advertised and including the proposed annual charges for the Sewerage Fund be adopted for the 1996/97 financial period.

The proposed annual charges for the 1996/97 financial year are residential properties \$296.00 (two hundred and ninety six dollars), unconnected properties \$195.80 (one hundred and ninety five dollars and eighty cents), business category 1 \$343.00 (three hundred and forty three dollars), business category 2 \$1,716.00 (one thousand seven hundred and sixteen dollars), business categories 3 and 4 \$6,864.00 (six thousand eight hundred and sixty four dollars), pensioner rebate \$87.50 (eighty seven dollars and fifty cents).

The business categories are proposed on the following volumes of waste generated:-

Category 1	Less than 1,000 litres per day
Category 2	1,001 - 5,000 litres per day
Category 3	5,001 - 20,000 litres per day
Category 4	Greater than 20,000 litres per day

A trade waste volume charge of \$1.10 (one dollar ten) per kilolitre was advertised in the 1996/97 draft management plan. Those properties with volumes exceeding 20,000 litres per day (category 4) will attract the trade waste volume charge in addition to the flat charge above. In addition a trade waste mass loading charge may be levied, based on the strength of pollutants in the waste stream in categories 2,3 and 4. The mass load will be calculated on the entire volume discharge, not just the excess and charged according to predetermined rates. Mass loading content may include biochemical oxygen demand (BOD); suspended solids, total grease and oil and other pollutant groups.

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Properties which are not connected to the sewer will attract an unconnected annual charge on a similar basis to vacant land charges for domestic waste management.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.F23

****** END OF ITEM 258 ******

ORDINARY MEETING

Meeting Date: **9 July 1996**

Item: **259**

ITEM: 259 GOVERNOR PHILLIP RESERVE WINDSOR - HAWKESBURY
AQUATIC FESTIVAL - EXCLUSIVE USE - HAWKESBURY AQUATIC
FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

FILE NUMBER: PK205 PT04/ENG

REPORT:

PROPOSAL

Requesting:

1. Permission to conduct a street parade from Richmond to Governor Phillip Park, Windsor on Saturday 27 July 1996 - utilising March Street, Bosworth Street, Windsor Street, George Street, Fitzgerald Street, The Terrace, Baker Street and George Street.
2. Use of Governor Phillip Reserve on Saturday 27 July 1996 for water activities, displays, food and beverage stalls with free admission to the general public - no details of activities/events given;
3. Exclusive use of Governor Phillip Reserve on Sunday 28 July, 1996 to conduct:
 - (a) 1 up ski race,
 - (b) top end sprint, and
 - (c) power boat circuit racing with admission charges of \$10.00/adult and \$6.00/children; and;
4. Seeking Council sponsorship in the total amount of \$500.00 in relation to 2 (two) events.

REPORT

This event has been conducted in 1994 and 1995 and it is presumed that this years program will be similar to those years. Accordingly, issues will be dealt with under the following broad headings:

Governor Phillip Reserve - Program of Events

(a) Saturday 27 July, 1996

In past years events comprised bare-foot skiing, jet-ski demonstrations and racing, on-shore amusement devices/rides, food and beverage outlets.

(b) Sunday 28 August, 1996

1 - up ski race, top end sprint, bare-foot drag racing, nipper events, unlimited circuit race boats, including supercharged drag boats, jet-ski demonstrations, fireworks display, on-shore amusement rides/devices, food and beverage outlets.

Parking: As for traditional Bridge to Bridge events.

Non-compliance with conditions attaching to previous applications

(a) Contribution Rate - 1995

The applicant was charged by Council resolution \$1,040.00 for exclusive use of Governor Phillip Reserve in respect of the 1995 event.

Following issue of a letter of demand on 18 January 1996, the applicant has paid two (2) instalments of \$200.00 each in 2/1996 and 3/1996, leaving a balance of \$640.00 outstanding.

It is understood that a further letter of demand has been issued recently.

With regard to the current application, and subject to Council concurrence, it is not considered unreasonable to expect clearance of the prior debt before incurring a further debt in relation to exclusive use of the reserve; this expectation is reflected in the recommendation below.

(b) Clearing of Reserve

In respect of previous applications and by way of Council resolution the applicant was responsible for collection and removal of rubbish generated by his activity, to assist the applicant, 20 additional rubbish bins were randomly placed throughout the reserve.

Following the 1995 event, the reserve was left in an untidy state; of particular concern, no attempt had been made to collect rubbish in, or at, rubbish bins.

Photographs are on the file available at this meeting.

This issue is addressed in the recommendation below.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted to the application by the Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival Organising Committee for:

1. Street parade on Saturday 27 July 1996 subject to appropriate arrangements being made with the NSW Police Service regarding road closures; and,
2. Use of Governor Phillip Reserve, Windsor on Saturday 27 July 1996 and Sunday 28 July 1996 subject to the following conditions:
 - a. with regard to non-exclusive use on Saturday 27 July 1996, the Committees activity not unduly interfering with other patrons use of the reserve and its facilities;

- b. with regard to exclusive use of the reserve on Sunday 28 July 1996 the applicant paying to Council the applicable contribution rate for exclusive use of the reserve.
 - c. the applicant making immediate payment of the outstanding balance of \$640.00 (six hundred and forty dollars) for exclusive use of Governor Phillip Reserve in respect of the 1995 event;
 - d. the reserve being left clean and tidy with the applicants being responsible for the collection, removal and disposal of all waste from the area; in this regard the applicant is to lodge prior to the event a refundable bond of \$750.00 (seven hundred and fifty dollars), from which all costs incurred by Council, administrative or otherwise, in securing cleanliness of the reserve are to be deducted;
 - e. the applicant effecting a Public Liability Policy in the name of the Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival Organising Committee in an amount of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) with Hawkesbury City Council being noted on that policy as being indemnified and submitting a copy of that policy to Council by no later than 4.30pm, Friday 19 July, 1996;
 - f. the applicant undertaking a letter drop to all affected residents in proximity to the Reserve and as directed by Council, with that letter advising all details of the function;
 - g. the applicant to obtain appropriate licence from the Licensing Branch, NSW Police Service, authorising sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed function;
 - h. the applicant obtaining appropriate licence from the Dangerous Goods Branch, Workcover in respect of any proposed fireworks display;
 - i. the applicant obtaining all necessary permits/approvals in relation to:
hot foods; and amusement devices/rides;
 - j. the applicant to liaise with Integral Energy regarding the supply of power to amusement devices/rides and their proximity to power supply lines;
 - k. should there be any variation or departure from activities undertaken in 1995, the applicant is expressly directed to discuss those variations/departures with the Director, Asset Services and Recreation Division, prior to the event; and,
3. In light of the applicant's failure to pay the contribution rate applying to the 1995 event, as well as administrative costs incurred by Council in securing payment, that Council respectfully decline to sponsor events on this occasion.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.E09

****** END OF ITEM 259 ******

ITEM: 260 DELEGATIONS FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLANS**FILE NUMBER:** GE020/029 PT02/EVD

REPORT:

There are quite detailed procedures to be followed when preparing and processing Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs). In an attempt to reduce the red tape and time delays experienced when processing these instruments, it is proposed that Council delegate its procedural powers for DLEPs and DCPs to the General Manager in those instances where there are no objections and no substantial changes have been made to the original plan that was placed before Council, and when time limits during the processes have not been met.

Quite often when processing DLEPs and DCPs, no submissions are made during the exhibition period. Consequently no substantial changes are proposed to the plans. It can take up to four weeks for these instruments to pass through Council adding significant time delays to applicants. If the General Manager had delegations to finalise rezonings, it could take up to four weeks off the process which now takes on average about nine months.

Problems are also occasionally experienced in meeting timing constraints. If the timing requirement is not met, the matter has to go back to Council compounding the time delay. If council has already made a resolution on a particular matter, it is a waste of Councils time and adds further delays referring another identical report to Council seeking the same resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to delegate its powers to the General Manager in relation to the preparation and other procedural matters for Draft Local Environmental Plans and Draft Development Control Plans under the following circumstances:-

- i) Where the DLEP/DDCP has been exhibited and no submissions have been made objecting to the plan or requesting amendments to that plan; and
- ii) No substantial changes are proposed that would change the nature of the plan that therefore would require re-exhibition; or
- iii) Where Council has previously made a resolution to undertake that particular process.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NBX.V05

******* END OF ITEM 260 *******

ITEM: 261 WASTE MANAGEMENT - "ENVIRONMENT GUIDELINES: SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS"**FILE NUMBER:** P2018.55 PT03/GW001/002/EVD

REPORT:

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has recently released the finalised guidelines for solid waste landfills.

Generally the guidelines cover the following aspects:-

- A. Environmental Issues and Goals
 - Water pollution
 - Air pollution
 - Land management and conservation
 - Hazards and loss of amenity
- B. Environmental Management
 - Economics and Education
 - Regulation
 - Performance based site assessment and management strategies
 - Performance reporting requirements
 - Phased implementation program
- C. Appendices relating to technical aspects of design and operation

The South Windsor Waste Depot has recently undergone design and operational changes including the installation of environmental equipment, which places the waste depot in a position to comply with the majority of the requirements.

Matters not complied with under the current landfill design, operations or administration are listed below.

1. The waste depot is required to be licensed, Section 3.2.1. The waste depot is currently registered and a draft licence has been received from the EPA. Some of the conditions of the licence are considered onerous and the EPA has been requested to either remove the condition(s) or consider alternatives.
2. The guidelines indicate a recommended minimum buffer zone of 250 metres from the boundary of a landfill to a residential zone or dwelling, Table 1 Section 3.2.1.

The zone design of the South Windsor Waste Depot does not comply with this property boundary recommendation. There are eight lots, seven with dwellings and one vacant lot largely within this recommended buffer.

Whilst the acquisition of a 250m buffer does not seem obligatory under the guidelines, it would be prudent for Council to offer to acquire these properties so as to comply with the guidelines and to ensure that there are no amenity impacts on adjoining properties as the landfill progresses towards The Driftway. The conflicts which have occurred with residents of The Driftway, including representations from the Member for Londonderry, are likely to become far more vociferous as the landfill moves within the 250m buffer (it is currently approximately 300m to the closest house) and for the final cells 5 and 6 to a distance of 100 metres to the closest houses.

Valuations have already been obtained on two properties within the recommended buffer area, one property being a vacant lot and the other containing a fibro dwelling of modest standard. It is considered that Council should proceed to negotiate the acquisition of these properties as the owners have expressed a desire to sell. There are sufficient funds within a special borrowing for the capital upgrading of the Waste Depot to acquire the two properties in the 1996/97 financial year.

3. A Landfill Environmental Management Plan (LEMP) is to be prepared and implemented. The aspects to be covered are listed in Section 3.3. The current LEMP will require some amendments and reformatting to comply. The deadline for the final LEMP to be submitted for approval is 31 December 1996.
4. Annual and Event Reporting and Certificates of Compliance (or notification of failure to comply) are now required, Section 3.4.
5. In the absence of definitions for some terms used in the Guidelines to provide guidance, it is assessed that the provision of Flexible Membrane Liner (FML) is not required. This represents a saving of approximately \$650,000.00 per cell to Council.
6. All surface water from cleared, disturbed or non-vegetated surfaces must be treated. The Approval under the Pollution Control Act 1970 issued by the EPA also requires the onsite collection and treatment of surface water from these areas (Appendix A - point 3).

Given the site limitations this is not considered reasonable nor practical.

As an alternative, these areas should be:-

- 1) grassed for disturbed areas in the operations section, however it is not possible to grass all areas; and
- 2) rehabilitate and stabilise the disused portions of the site. Fence off these area to ensure they are not disturbed.
7. Appendix A, points 5 to 11, details more environmental monitoring programs. Some infrastructure has been installed for example groundwater monitoring bores, dust monitors have been purchased but not installed and other items such as methane gas monitors have not yet been considered.

The main cost is in commencing the environmental monitoring programs which shall be in the order of \$65,000.00 per annum. This is an ongoing cost and at any time the EPA can increase the type of monitoring to be undertaken and the parameters tested/monitored.

8. Additional fire fighting equipment is required onsite and staff are to be adequately trained in fire, first-aid and emergency response procedures.
9. Points 14 to 20 covers the requirements in relation to the monitoring of landfill gas (methane) and the provision of subsurface monitoring, gas accumulation monitoring devices, site remediation, quality assurance etc.

No estimation of the cost of the landfill gas system has been obtained. The current approval and licence does not yet require landfill gas monitoring. It will become necessary as each cell is capped, approximately 2-5 years depending on the filling sequence.

10. Once the tonnage of waste received each year reaches or exceeds 25,000 tonnes, a weighbridge is required to be installed. In 1995 a total of 17,503 tonnes was disposed of. This was achieved through greenwaste processing and scrap metal recycling.
11. Financial assurance is a means of ensuring that landfill occupiers adequately plan for emergency closure, site remediation and post-closure care, by providing a specific mechanism to accumulate requisite funding during the life of the landfill. This mechanism encourages development of the necessary long-term financial planning to protect all environmental objectives.

- * The LEMP should include a well-documented assessment of the potential cost, prepared by an independent consultant, for a third party contractor to undertake each of the following:

- * close down the current operation at any time and remediate the site to a standard acceptable for its planned future use
- * continue post-closure care and monitoring (bearing in mind that the period of after-care is significantly influenced by the design philosophy)
- * complete the required remediation of environmental impacts that may be identified.

- * The financial assurance required by the EPA will be negotiated in one or more of the following forms:

- * an insurance policy
- * a bank guarantee of funds or letter of credit
- * a bond
- * a third party guarantee
- * a fund established and maintained by a public authority
- * any other form of security that the EPA considers appropriate and specifies in the licence as a condition.

The preferred approach must be nominated in the LEMP.

- * The annual report for a landfill (section 3.4.3) may nominate any variations for the level at which the financial guarantee is set for the forthcoming years' activity for a particular site based on the current operations and the extent of site activity planned. The nominated variations must be approved by the EPA.
- * A financial assurance (or any part of it) may be called on by the EPA if the EPA:
 - * is satisfied that the last licensee has failed to comply with the requirements of the closure plan approved by the EPA, or
 - * is satisfied that a licensee has contravened any condition of the licence relating to site remediation work, or
 - * incurs or proposes to incur costs or expenses in taking action that is covered by the financial assurance.
- * The requirement to provide a financial assurance lapses and no longer binds the person who was required to provide it if the EPA is satisfied:
 - * that the site remediation work has been completed in accordance with a post-closure plan approved by the EPA (as detailed in 29. Closure of Landfill). and
 - * that further environmental management of the premises is not required.

The person may provide the EPA with a certified statement of completion to the effect that site remediation work has been completed and that further environmental management of the premises is not required. If the EPA approves the statement, the requirement for provision of the financial assurance lapses.

12. Ongoing surveys are required to assess waste quantities landfilled (point 27) provide landfilling plan/contours (point 27) and compaction rate(s) (point 24).
13. The LEMP is to include a plan of resource recovery for materials that can viably be recycled. A plan for the processing and/or marketing of all materials separated and either recycled, reprocessed or disposed of is also required.

This is not included in the existing LEMP and will have to be addressed for the materials currently diverted from landfill.

14. Final capping and revegetation is required. This is planned for in the existing design. This has also been carried out in the filled areas however the site is not stable and erosion damage is prevalent. A 'Pollution Reduction Program' is to be submitted to the EPA by 1 August 1996. The program is to detail work required, pollution prevent strategies for dust, surface water and ground water, and timetabling for the commencement and completion of each phase of the work. A consultant has been contracted to provide details of interim site stabilisation options - temporary, interim and long term future rehabilitation. Each option will cost the work to be undertaken onsite. Currently a figure of \$43,500.00 has been set aside to commence site stabilisation and sediment control works in the completed landfill areas.

15. Other minor cost items include fencing, signage, provision of record keeping and complaints register. A computer database is required for storing all analysis and other data collected.

The current LEMP requires amendments and upgrading. All the environmental monitoring and pollution prevention strategies detailed in the LEMP are required to be complied with in order to comply with the approval. Two steering committees are required to be formed to act as an i) an Environmental Monitoring Review Panel and ii) a Peer Review Panel which will review all aspects of the design, monitoring, analysis and operations of the whole depot.

The main capital outlay items have been covered. These costs are in addition to the cost of the contract to operate the waste depot and the construction of future cells. An additional cost is the increase in the levy from \$4.20 to \$10/tonne paid to the EPA.

The escalating costs of waste disposal further increases the importance of waste minimisation, material reuse and resource recovery. The success of these waste management practices is determined by community acceptance and participation. The key to gaining community acceptance is education and participation in the decision making process.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information concerning the EPA's final "Environmental Guidelines: Solid Waste Landfills" be received.
2. That the Director, Environment and Development negotiate the acquisition of Lot 20 DP25020 The Driftway and Lot 22 DP25020 The Driftway with the matter to be reported back to Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 261 ******

ITEM: 262 BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT - CONCILIATION CONFERENCE
PROCEDURE

FILE NUMBER: GE020/029 PT02/EVD

REPORT:

1. INTRODUCTION

This report outlines a suggested Conciliation Conference procedure for development, building and subdivision applications that have, during advertising, attracted submissions.

The report gives background to the proposal including examples of other organisations using similar systems, together with the procedure and guidelines to establish the conciliation process in Council.

The suggested process of Conciliation Conferences prior to Council's decision is a benefit for the following reasons:-

- * provides Council with a practical and flexible resolution system;
- * ensures the integrity of Council's role as the decision-making body;
- * encourages the early resolution of objector's and applicant's concerns;
- * saves resources of Council in the long term;
- * keeps cases out of the Land and Environment Court; and
- * ensures faster passage of contested applications.

2. BACKGROUND

There has been a growing trend in Australia in the Court system and throughout many organisations including local Councils to have a process of "alternative dispute resolution".

The system of alternative dispute resolution on development and building control matters is an adjunct to "best practice" and "continuous improvement" in the decision making of Council.

Numerous Council's have a system of dispute resolution on applications in place. Of particular interest is Newcastle City Council that has a mediation program, where independent mediators are employed to facilitate negotiations to reach an impartial settlement on matters.

The facilitation or conciliation process is where objectors, the applicant and a concerned party (ie Council representative) meet to discuss a matter not necessarily to settle or resolve matters, but to:

- * clarify concerns;
- * reduce adversity;
- * establish facts;
- * confine issues; and
- * give everyone an opportunity to "have their say".

3. CONCILIATION PROCEDURES

It is proposed that a conciliation system be adopted by Council to assist in the process of determining development, building and subdivision applications.

The conciliation conference would be arranged where there are a number of objectors (minimum 4-5), with issues that may be discussed at a forum with the applicant. It is proposed to organise such conferences as part of the Thursday night opening of the Council Offices, to be chaired by the Branch Manager or relevant officer of Council.

Following such conferences minutes would be taken and would form part of the report on the application to Council's General Purpose Committee meeting. The minutes are only as a record of matters discussed and are not recommendations.

Attached to this report is a flowchart of the procedure where Conciliation Conferences would slot into the determination process, (Attachment 1). Also attached is a brochure on the conciliation conference procedure (Attachment 2).

4. CONCLUSION

The introduction of a conciliation process is an opportunity for Council to have in place a system of dispute resolution for applications while still being in control of the decision making. The benefit of conciliation are for the applicant, the objectors and to Council and the process as outlined is recommended for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council adopt a Conciliation Conference process for development, building and subdivision applications as outlined within this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Development, Building and Subdivision Application Determination Process.

AT-2 Conciliation Conference Procedure

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ITEM: 263 DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 3/95 AMENDMENT NO 43
LOT 1016 DP241424 - NO 53 CASTLEREAGH ROAD, RICHMOND
AND PART OF LOT 1070 DP741457 - PUBLIC RESERVE: MR R ROSE

FILE NUMBER: LEP003/95/EVD

REPORT:

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 9 April resolved that:

1. *The draft local environmental plan be amended to reclassify the land from community land to operational land.*
2. *The draft plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 (twenty eight) days.*
3. *A public hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 68 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.*

The plan aims to allow a boundary adjustment to improve the layout of the existing duplex on lot 1016 DP241424 and to allow a land exchange between Mr Rose and the adjoining Reserve which is owned by Council. The plan also aims to reclassify the Open Space 6(a) land from Community land to Operational land to facilitate the land exchange.

The plan was exhibited to adjoining owners from Wednesday 8 May 1996 to Friday 7 June 1996. No submissions were received. A member of the public did not request a public hearing in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 in Section 68 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. Therefore a public hearing is not necessary.

The plan is now ready to be forwarded to the Minister for gazettal.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a public hearing under Section 68 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 not be conducted.
2. The draft plan be forwarded to the Minister requesting gazettal of the plan.
3. That Council exercise its delegation in respect of the Section 69 Report to the Minister.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 263 ******

ITEM: 264**TENDER FOR KERBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE****FILE NUMBER:**GW010/025 PT02/EVD

REPORT:

The existing recycling contract which is undertaken by G & J Horswell & Sons lapses in September 1996.

Tenders for the recycling service are to be advertised in the near future. To provide Council with a range of alternatives and costs, it is proposed that interested contractors be offered a range of alternatives on which to tender. This will also enable Council to select the best level of service for the available budget. It is proposed that the following options be available for tenderers to quote on:-

1. Weekly kerbside service throughout the whole of the City (as currently exists).
2. Weekly kerbside service within the inner City areas and a fortnightly kerbside service in the outer City areas.
3. A fortnightly kerbside service throughout the whole City area.
4. A fortnightly kerbside service in the inner City areas and a monthly kerbside collection service in the outer areas.
5. Combinations of the above, eg, weekly in the inner area and monthly in the outer area.

In addition, tenderers will be required to specify their means of kerbside collection. The existing service involves sorting at the kerb which has advantages in achieving a contamination free recycled product. Alternatives now exist, including 240 litre "Sulo" mobile garbage bins with co-mingled recycled product or, alternatively, 240 litre containers where the bin is partitioned with paper on one side and other co-mingled recyclables on the other. The co-mingled options in 240 litre containers provide a number of advantages including, economies in collection through single operator vehicles and potentially less frequent service because of the increased volume, and also significantly reduced worker's compensation premiums. The disadvantage of a co-mingled collection service is the loss in recycled product through contamination. This has been a significant problem at some materials recycling facilities (MRFS) to the extent that rejection of up to 30% of the collected product has occurred.

In an effort to ensure a competitive tender process and also to provide a bench mark on service quality, it is proposed that the Branch Manager Environment & Waste submit a tender for Council to operate a recycling service. There is considerable in-house experience in operating kerbside collection services through the waste collection service. Cost factors such as the length and configuration of shifts, truck acquisition, truck running and worker's compensation costs are well documented. However, staff do not have experience in the marketing of the recycled product and the fluctuations which can occur in prices. As a means of correcting this shortfall in experience, it is proposed to employ a consultant from the recycling industry who has experience in these issues to advise and assist in the preparation of the tender.

The opportunity to compete with the private sector in the tendering process will also provide valuable experience to staff.

It is proposed that the tender for a Council operated kerbside recycling collection service be submitted by the Branch Manager Environment and Waste with assessment of all of the tenders to be undertaken by the Director Environment and Development. This assessment, together with a recommendation, would then be put to Council for determination on the basis that the Director Environment and Development will not be involved in the preparation of the tender for a Council operated service. It is considered that there are sufficient checks and balances to enable an objective assessment.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information concerning the tender for the kerbside recycling service be received.
2. That Council endorse the submission of a tender for the kerbside recycling service by the Branch Manager Environment and Waste with assistance to be provided from a consultant in the recycling industry.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 264 ******

ORDINARY

Section 5 Reports for Information

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Council's Bush Fire Brigade Officers have been appointed under delegated authority and in accordance with the provisions of Section 20 (b) of the Bush Fires Act for the Bush Fire Season 1996/97, and are as follows :-

Brigade/ Captain/ Snr Deputy <u>Captain</u>	Deputy Captain	Permit Issuing <u>Officer</u>
BILPIN W Shields W Johnson	S McKinley K Tame S Lonergan A Newton J Newton	B Shields B Johnson
BLAXLANDS RIDGE M Bobridge I McEwan	L Webber E Batten L Wood R Wood J Haszczywnyk T Duck D Dawson	M Bobridge
COLO HEIGHTS N Cunningham P Impey	G Cunningham A Shorten R Bruce D Cavanagh V Murphy M Boyes	N Cunningham
EAST KURRAJONG P Rutter K McKenzie	M Dolan K Ford L Brown J Muscat R Griffiths M McKinley R Purtell	P Rutter L Brown

ORDINARY MEETINGMeeting Date: **9 July 1996**Item: **265****EBENEZER**D Mitchell
J HawkinsA Hupalo
R Cox
D Williams
P Kingcott
K Thorne
R Williams

D Mitchell

FREEMANS REACHM Flaherty
B EarleO Earle
C Bateson
C Vesley
K Robinson

M Flaherty

GLOSSODIAG Hutchinson
S McLoughlinJ Peters
T Tsourvakas
C Tsourvakas
M Lehane
R Castelli
B Groughan
M Jones
C Anderson
J HammerlokG Hutchinson
S McLoughlin**GROSE VALE**A Cox
P DillonL Duffy
K Clewett
L Bowyer
S Humphreys
P Berry
P Coffill
S Shepherd
W Dillon
C Boswell
M Wilson
R TooleyR Tooley
L Duffy**GROSE WOLD**D Tandy
S KillenJ Heath
P Davies
M Brown
R ColbranR Colbran
J Heath

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R MillerR Gavin
L Worboyes
M O'Connell
J Garland
B Vilnis
M Rendoth
K Woods**KURRAJONG**J Marshall
P JonesK Jones
A Curtain
R Duffy
D King
P Minturn
T Buckett
L LaneP Hones
J Marshall**KURRAJONG HEIGHTS**B Williams
R LewisR Scott
W Pennell
P Hurst
A Jones
D Webster
A Waterhouse
G SmithB Williams
R Lewis
R Scott**LOWER MACDONALD**L White
B MartinB Walker
P Woodbury
P Krueger
P Buesel
I Gill

L White

LOWER PORTLANDB Cartwright
G JonesK Anderson
K Bradley
C Longworth
L O'CarrollB Cartwright
K Anderson
G Jones**MOUNTAIN LAGOON**D Dutch
R BeanP Clarke
D McEvoy
F Witte
H Walter
R De IonghD Dutch
R Bean

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P Speet

R Hobbs

K Powe

K Thomas

I Nicholson

J Seltenrych

P Powe

R Turnbull

P Hession

M Reay

M Lieben

L Morgan

G Hession

W Reinhardt

M Rock

G Thompson

S Powe

I Irons

R Powe

M Domars

N Jeanneret

P Speet

R Hobbs

ST ALBANS

G Bailey

P Gibb

P Hunt

S McKillop

G Houston

N Falconer

G Jones

I Elton

B Sendt

G Bailey

TENNYSON

D Petrikas

C Petrikas

A Emmanuel

T Misdom

G Coleman

D Shipway

B Plummer

J Cameron

R Ropa

T Misdom

UPPER COLO

D Stone

M Ward

G Bruce

R Ward

D Stone

M Ward

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A MartinA Henderson
J McCarthy
R Pogoruitschnig
G Ryan
J Brown
S Barlow
R Spiteri
A Gray

M Scholz

YARRAMUNDIK Pullen
K FordK Bailey
C Dorrough
A Gibbon
J Hatcher
R Newton
P MaxwellK Pullen
K Ford

Section 20 (b) of the Bush Fires Act also provides for the appointment of Group Captains for the purpose of co-ordinating fire fighting activities.

The following Officers have been appointed under delegated authority :-

Group Captain 1 - Brian McKinlay, Grose Vale Brigade

Group Captain 2 - Peter Speet, Oakville Brigade

Group Captain 3 - Ron Gavin, Headquarters Brigade

Deputy Group Captain 4 - Craig Burley, Wilberforce Brigade

Deputy Group Captain 5 - Bill Shields, Bilpin Brigade

Deputy Group Captain 6 - Garry Jones, Lower Portland Brigade

Deputy Group Captain 7 - Max Ryan, Wilberforce Brigade

WINDSOR AND RICHMOND FIRE DISTRICTS

Permit Issuing Officers - P Speet, D Tandy, D Ryan.

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RECOMMENDATION:

The information regarding Officers for the Bush Fire Season 1996/97 be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **266**

ITEM: 266 COURT OF APPEAL PROCEEDINGS - PAYMENT OF FINE

FILE NUMBER: P1609/110 PT12/GMA

REPORT:

The Council was successful in legal action it instituted against Mushroom Composters Pty Ltd obtaining orders that the company be restrained from using its premises at Ebenezer so as to interfere with the amenity of the neighbourhood in respect of odour. The company failed to comply with the orders and contempt proceedings were brought with Chief Judge Pearlman subsequently ordering the payment of an \$80,000 fine.

The Council made application by way of Notice of Motion for payment of the fine to it, pursuant to provisions of the Local Government Act, or alternatively, a moiety of the fine pursuant to the Fines and Penalties Act.

The Chief Judge determined that the Council was not entitled to be paid the sum either pursuant to the Local Government Act or as a moiety.

Counsel representing the Council in this matter advised that the decision should be appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeal.

Given the basis of the judgement and the likely much wider impact on Local Government, discussions with Council's solicitors indicate that the matter should be subject to financial assistance from the Local Government Association in accordance with its policy of financial assistance for matters impacting on Local Government as a whole.

The appeal has been lodged as the time for such lodgement is relatively short. The Local Government Associations have also been advised of the decision and requested to assist in accordance with their policy. They have been advised that as Her Honour's decision in refusing to direct payment or part or whole of the fine pursuant to the Local Government Act would be far reaching in its effect. Local Councils prosecute on a frequent basis under many Acts of Parliament in addition to the Local Government Act. This includes for example, the Environment Planning & Assessment Act, The Food Act and the Environmental Offences & Penalties Act to name but a few. The restricted interpretation of the Local Government Act applied by Her Honour could limit the ability of Councils to generally recover fines, which have in the past been paid to them without question.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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**** END OF ITEM 266 ****

ORDINARY MEETINGMeeting Date: **9 July 1996**Item: **267****ITEM: 267**REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL - STATUS AS AT 9 JULY 1996**FILE NUMBER:** GC280/005 PT03/GMA

REPORT:

File Rep Date	Referred To	Subject	Comment
25 May 95	By-pass Road DAS&R	Feasibility of by-pass road from McGraths Hill to North Richmond together with a comparison with The Driftway proposal.	Awaiting response from RTA
8 Aug 95	Ham Common DAS&R	Provision of suitable lighting in the Ham Common general area for the enhanced use.	Report June GPC
5 Sep 95	Agricultural Study DED	Program & schedule of works.	Report following establishment of Committee
13 Feb 96	DLEP DED	Further report on extension of adjoining areas from Fernadell Orchard to Cleary's Property in Hall Street.	Report July GPC
7 May 96	Tree Planting DAS&R	Types of trees to be planted along roadsides.	Report June GPC
11 June 96	Review Party - Sports Council DCS&F	Assessment of Sports Council's direction.	Report August GPC

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 267 ******

ITEM: 268**ABORIGINAL LAND CLAIMS GRANTED****FILE NUMBER:**GA010/044 PT01 AND GA010/008 PT01/CSV

REPORT:

Advice has been received from the Department of Land and Water Conservation that following detailed investigation by the Department, the Minister has approved the granting of Aboriginal Land Claims 4771, 4792 and 4793 to the Daruk Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Plans of the subject areas shall be displayed at the meeting.

Aboriginal Land Claim 4771

Granted: 1 February 1996

Property: 2135A Bells Line of Road, Bilpin - Lot 14 in DP751629 (Portion 14 Parish Buralow)

The land comprises approximately 82 acres of Crown Land adjoining the Blue Mountains National Park. It is noted that the claim was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 14 June 1994 and no objection to the granting of the claim was raised, as the lands were not identified for an essential public purpose nor was the claim considered to be detrimental to public recreational needs.

Aboriginal Land Claim 4792

Granted: 8 April 1996

Property: 54 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong - Lot 300 in DP751649

The land comprises a 2011m² parcel of Crown Land in Kurrajong Village. It is noted that the claim was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting 12 April 1994 and an objection to the granting of the claim was raised on the basis that the land was reasonably required for future carparking due to its proximity to the centre of Kurrajong.

Aboriginal Land Claim 4793

Granted: 8 April 1996

Property: 44 Old Bells Line of Road corner Kurrajong Road, Kurrajong - Part Lot 22 in DP14736 (including Lot 1 in DP45739 which was not granted)

The land comprises a 1114m² parcel of Crown Land in Kurrajong Village. It is noted that the claim was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 12 April 1994 and objections to the granting of the claim were raised on the basis that the land may have been required for future residential development and that the land identified as lot 1 in DP45793 had been identified for the purpose of road (splay corner). The Minister refused the part of the claim known as lot 1 in DP45739 as the land is dedicated public road, vested in Council and therefore not claimable.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 268 ******

ORDINARY MEETINGMeeting Date: **9 July 1996**Item: **269****ITEM: 269** HAWKESBURY LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD -
STATUS REPORT**FILE NUMBER:** GM001/021 PT03/CSV**REPORT:**

The Hawkesbury City Local Economic Development Board proposes to report on its latest initiatives and developments each month to Council, rather than attaching minutes of meetings of the Board and advisory committees to meeting business papers, as has been the practise for keeping Councillors informed in the past.

Subsequently, the following is a progress report on initiatives of the Board:-

Strategic Review Forum

Councillors may recall that the Board was launched early in 1995 and as a measure to review its own progress and to establish strategies and priorities for the next twelve months, it recently conducted a Strategic Review Forum involving key representatives of its advisory committees. The Forum was an outstanding success with the following projects to be pursued over the next twelve months and their priority being as follows:-

Completion Date	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
	Project	Project	Project
8/96	National Defence Headquarters	GWSEDB - Windsor Road	Customer Service/TQM Programs
6/96	Agriculture Summit	Olympics (action	Marketing/Promotion
6/96	Water (licences)	Business Database	Industry Clusters
7/96	RAAF Base - Commuter Use	Water Reuse - Blue Mountains	Business Relocation Strategy
TBA	Windsor Road Upgrade	Small Business Forum	Tourism/Retail Enhancement
12/96	(Planning) Olympics		Buy Local Campaign
6/96	Bed & Breakfast Policy		

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5/96	Nomination of Paul Rasmussen on GWSEDB by HLEDB & NWSRDO	Report on Progress September 1996	Report on Progress December 1996
5/96	Report from Council ie McGraths Hill & George Street Traffic Problems		

* Completion dates refers to the nominated "high" priority projects.

Meeting with Members of Parliament

The Board has acknowledged the benefits of obtaining the support and views of our local members of Parliament, both federal and state. The Federal Member for Macquarie Mr Kerry Bartlett, was a special guest at the April meeting, the State Member for Hawkesbury Mr Kevin Rozzoli attended the June meeting and the State Member for Londonderry Mr Paul Gibson has been invited to the August meeting.

To date, support or the views of the Members has been received in relation to a number of key issues including commercial access to Richmond RAAF, raising of the Warragamba Flood Mitigation Wall, locating the proposed National Defence Headquarters at Richmond and Moratorium on water licences.

Commercial Access - RAAF Richmond

Councillors will be aware of the exciting proposal being pursued by the Board and the North Western Sydney Regional Development Organisation to enable limited commercial access to RAAF Richmond facilities and the potential boost the project would be for the local economy.

Approval in principle has been obtained from the Department of Defence and a further meeting is proposed with representatives of the Department in the near future to discuss a Heads of Agreement for a lease. A Business Plan for the proposal is also to be developed.

Promotional Material

The Board has commissioned the University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury, Audio Visual Services Unit to compile a promotional slide video for the Hawkesbury area.

The video concentrates on the overall package the Hawkesbury offers ranging from lifestyle, heritage, natural beauty through to infrastructure and business opportunities. It will be utilised in promotional campaigns eg business relocation strategies, tourism etc as well as in conjunction with submissions such as the proposed national defence headquarters. The video is almost completed and arrangements are being made for a viewing by Councillors. A glossy printed Economic Prospectus of the area is also currently being developed.

Quality Awareness Program

Following the success of the recently completed Introductory Quality Awareness Program involving nearly 60 representatives of local businesses and institutions, the Board has agreed to also sponsor the second stage of the Program ie the Intermediate Program. This program consists of three four hour workshops and will be held at the Windsor Function Centre on consecutive Monday evenings in August, with the Australian Quality Council once again presenting the material.

Small Business Forum

The Board's Local Business Development Advisory Committee is also developing this project and has tentatively nominated Wednesday 25 September to hold the event.

It is proposed that the forum be provided free of charge to the business community and its purpose will be to advise them of what support facilities are available and to seek feedback on support needs they require, particularly in relation to training and customer service.

The suggested format at this stage is for a high profile guest speaker to open the event and then representatives from organisations such as Hawkesbury BEC, Tourism Hawkesbury, Richmond TAFE and DEET speak about what services they can provide and then the forum be broken up into groups to obtain feedback from the respective delegates on their support needs.

The Forum is being organised in consultation with the Windsor, Richmond and North Richmond Chambers of Commerce and Tourism Hawkesbury.

Hawkesbury City Business Enterprise Centre

The Hawkesbury City Business Enterprise Centre was officially opened by the Member for Londonderry, Mr Paul Gibson MP, on Tuesday 7 May 1996. The opening was well attended and received significant publicity, with the Executive Officer, Mr John Todd, reporting that at this early stage they are already averaging three interviews per day since the Centre opened. He noted that the Centre is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at this stage and that the interest compares well with the Penrith office, which averages 1.5 interviews per day.

Small Business Awards

The Board has agreed to be a sponsor of the annual Hawkesbury Small Business Awards to be launched early in July and culminating with the presentation of awards in September.

Sponsorship will be in the amount of \$1,000 and is reflective of the Board's commitment and support of small business in the area.

Resignation of Mr Charles Hanna

The Board has accepted with regret the resignation of the Boards local business representative Mr Charles Hanna. Mr Hanna was a major asset to the Board and has pledged his ongoing input to specific projects, however, increasing business commitments have forced him to reluctantly tender his resignation. The Board is currently considering potential replacements for this position and a new representative from the Chambers of Commerce.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 270 CULTURAL PROGRAM AND FUNDING 1996/97

FILE NUMBER: GC130/032/CSV

REPORT:

Cultural activities in the City are guided by a number of key community representative groups to ensure that activities and events reflect the needs and aspirations of residents. The Interim Cultural Committee was formed in January 1996 and meets monthly. The key objectives of this group are:

- * to encourage local cultural identity for the benefit of residents, and;
- * to encourage greater recognition and awareness of the Hawkesbury region by visitors.

This Committee has endorsed a series of objectives which assist in guiding cultural development within the City. These objectives have been previously reported to Council.

The Cultural Committee is supported and resourced by Council staff and will be working on developing annual community celebrations and activities around the cultural themes developed for the lead up to the Sydney Olympics. These themes are:

- * 1997 - Festival of Dreaming
- * 1998 - A Sea of Change
- * 1999 - Reaching the World
- * 2000 - Harbour of Life.

Expenditure in the 1995/1996 financial period in the area of cultural and artistic activities and events has included support of major community initiatives including the inaugural Hawkesbury Wine, Food and Music Affair, establishment of a Creative 'Arts' Centre, support of local folk and arts events, investigation into an art gallery, acquisition of several paintings for Council's collection, Australia Day celebrations and seniors events. Total expenditure on these activities was \$44,641.

Funds to enable support of the Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod and a number of regional school dance and musical events were made available through Council's donations budget.

In the current financial year the following initiatives have be planned:

- * **'Carnivale' Celebrations - Richmond**
A street parade and festival in Richmond Park is being coordinated by a community group for early September as previously reported to Council.
- * **Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod**
Council is the major sponsor of this community event which attracts approximately 1,500 entries annually

* **'Fruits of the Hawkesbury Festival'**

Activities are planned for a two week period from 27 September 1996 including a Fibre Art Exhibition; a Twilight Choral and Musical Concert in St Matthews Church; a workshop for writers; a workshop for artists in watercolour techniques; and a 'Come and Try Dance' event. A highlight of the festival will be a celebration of the centenary of Arthur Streeton's painting, 'The Purple Noon's Transparent Might', which was painted from Terrace Road, Freemans Reach in 1896.

* **Hawkesbury Wine, Food and Music Affair**

Due to the success and degree of community participation in the 1995 Hawkesbury Wine, Food and Music Affair, support will be given to the October 1996 event, as resolved previously by Council.

* **'Music in the Park' - McQuade Park, Windsor**

As reported previously, an outdoor free family concert by the SBS Youth Orchestra is planned for early December.

* **Festival of Cultures - March 1997**

Dependent on availability of funds it is proposed that an activity such as the 'Festival of Cultures' held in Windsor Mall in 1996 be repeated.

* **Sponsorship**

Sponsorship of a number of community initiatives including the Hawkesbury Creative Arts Centre (Fitzgerald St, Windsor), the 'Degree of Excellence' Exhibition by the Community Arts Workshop, music and dance activities by the combined schools of the Hawkesbury, local musical organisations including Hawkesbury District Concert Band is also planned.

* **Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection**

Continued administrative and professional support will be given to this group which organises a number of art based activities during the year. This will include arts tours in the area, exhibitions and fundraising initiatives.

The schedule of events for the forthcoming financial year has been designed to ensure a variety of cultural and artistic experiences for residents. Further, efforts have been made to hold activities in various locations around the City.

To supplement an extensive program of events, funding is sought through grant applications to both State and Federal Government departments. Support is received for Senior's Week activities through the NSW Department of Ageing and Disability. Funding has recently been received to implement a series of workshops in circus skills for young people through the Department of Employment, Education and Training and Training Art Start Program. Many of the community groups supported through the cultural program provide significant contributions to the total program through voluntary contribution, fundraising and sponsorships. The balance of funds needed to implement the local cultural program is sourced from Council's existing budgetary allocation.

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The current allocation for cultural activities as outlined in the budget document is as follows:

- * Art and cultural initiatives (\$14,480)
- * Annual Community Festival Events and Activities (\$28,140)
- * Australia Day activities (\$3,152)
- * Seniors Week Celebrations (\$2,039)

Miscellaneous cultural events for which financial support is provided eg the Eisteddfod are estimated to cost by way of donation approximately \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 270 ******

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GR030/030 PT03/FNC

REPORT:

Further to the Mayoral Minute adopted at the General Purpose Committee Meeting of 25th June, 1996, Council resolved *"That the Sports Council be advised that these funds are for Capital Works only and that it be requested to advise priorities for its expenditure."* The Sports Council has provided the following budget, including the Capital Works items proposed for the 1996/97 Financial Year.

	BUDGET ALLOCATION	SECTION 94
Income:		
Ground Fees	\$27,000	
Membership Fees	\$1,200	
Bank Interest	\$5,000	
Total:	\$ 33,200	
Maintenance & Operational Expenses:		
Mowing Contract areas 1-4	\$79,716	
Bensons Lane	\$31,352	
Fert/aeration/weeds	\$25,000	
Topsoil/sand	\$1,774	
Turf/seeding	\$1,000	
Irrigation/plumbing	\$2,000	
Fencing/gates	\$2,000	
Amenities	\$2,000	
Turf cricket wickets	\$6,000	
Sign repairs	\$500	
Synthetic cricket wickets	\$500	
Safety fencing	\$2,000	
Lights/electrical	\$2,000	
Emergency repairs	\$2,000	
Netball rings	\$500	
Litter bins	\$500	
Cleaning materials	\$236	
Locksmith repairs	\$500	

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	BUDGET ALLOCATION	SECTION 94
Maintenance & Operational Expenses cont'd		
Keys and hardware	\$2,500	
Licences and fees	\$500	
Insurances	\$1,000	
Rent	\$5,172	
Telephone	\$3,000	
Electricity	\$1,500	
Stamps and Stationery	\$5,000	
Accounting fees	\$2,000	
Advertising	\$3,000	
Bank charges	\$750	
Office repairs/maintenance	\$2,000	
Motor vehicle allowance	\$4,000	
Petty cash	\$1,100	
Venue hire	\$200	
Meeting expenses	\$200	
Office furniture/equipment	\$1,000	
Wages - 2 staff	\$70,000	
Travel expenses	\$150	
Hawkesbury City Council labour charges	\$2,000	
Sponsorship Fund	\$1,000	
Total:	\$265,650	
Capital Works:		
1995/96 Capital Assistance Grant	\$5,000	
1996/97 Capital Assistance Grant	\$23,811	
Plant & Equipment	\$35,000	
Floodlighting/security lights	\$40,000	
Irrigation	\$40,000	\$20,945
Ground works	\$100,000	\$204,825
Amenities buildings	\$45,000	\$93,975
Colbee Park field development		\$61,950
Hanna Park Field		
Fencing	\$10,000	
Seating	\$8,689	
Weather shelters		\$42,510
Office safe	\$1,500	
Signs	\$5,000	

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	BUDGET ALLOCATION	SECTION 94
Capital Works cont'd		
Synthetic turf wickets	\$11,000	
Safety fencing	\$5,000	
Litter bins	\$5,000	
Total:	\$335,000	\$424,205
GRAND TOTAL:	\$567,450	\$424,205

Summary:**Total Expenditure -**

Maintenance & Operational Expenses	\$265,650
Capital Works Draft Budget	\$90,000
Capital Works	\$245,000
Section 94 Works	<u>\$424,205</u>

\$1,024,855

Source of Funds -

Sports Council Fees & Income	\$33,200
Hawkesbury City Council	
- 1996/97 Draft Budget	\$232,450
- Capital Works Draft Budget	\$90,000
- Capital Works	\$245,000
Section 94 Contributions	<u>\$424,205</u>

\$1,024,855

The Sports Council has also advised that they currently have two part-time office staff, assisting with the management and administration of their Organisation. It is planned in the 1996/97 Financial Year to employ one office staff person and appoint a Grounds Maintenance Co-ordinator. The latter position will carry out minor maintenance works, respond to specific requests of sporting disciplines of a minor nature and to co-ordinate the works and services carried out on the sporting fields.

Council, at its meeting of 11th June, 1996, resolved that a Review Party be established to assess the Sports Council direction and report to Council before September, 1996. This Budget is submitted to Council for its consideration and will be forwarded to the Review Party when assessing the direction of the future for the Sports Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 272**BELLS LINE OF ROAD - STREET TREE PLANTING****FILE NUMBER:**243/R PT06/ENG

REPORT:

As Council is aware, there has been some controversy regarding the North Richmond Chamber of Commerce's proposal to plant Claret Ash along the footpath area of Bells Line of Road through North Richmond.

The North Richmond Chamber of Commerce met on 6 March, 1996, to consider a proposal for street tree planting on Bells Line of Road through North Richmond. Council's Parks Supervisor who is a qualified Horticulturalist and Arborist, was invited to attend the meeting to offer advice regarding the street tree planting proposal. The requirements for a suitable species of tree as determined by the Chamber, were:-

1. Ability to cope with a restricted root zone.
2. Not to exceed 10 metres high.
3. Not to block out shop fronts.
4. Have some ornamental value eg; colour.
5. Have a minimal amount of leaf drop, preferably with a fine textured leaf that could be easily cleaned up and composted.
6. Reasonably fast growing and readily available.
7. Cost.

After consideration of these requirements the Chamber was advised that six native species and ten exotics were suitable for the area and met most of the requirements outlined. The Chamber then narrowed this list to four species:-

1. Claret Ash
2. Pin Oak
3. Mexican Evergreen Oak
4. Blue Lilipili

From this short list, the Chamber selected the Claret Ash as the species they wished to plant.

The Chamber received one letter of complaint regarding the proposed species, whilst Council received three complaints. The Chamber invited the complainant to attend a further meeting where the matter was to be discussed along with the Mayor and Councillors and again the Parks Supervisor. The person who complained to the Chamber did not attend the meeting. The meeting was informed that there was not enough room on Bells Line of Road to plant eucalypts and also native vegetation had other problems including root rot. (This would be particularly relevant along the frontage of Hanna Match where the lawn is watered on a regular basis). The Chamber was informed that Claret Ash was readily available, compatible with the local soil and had an ability to withstand pollution and vandalism. It was also noted that there were up to 700 native trees already planted in Heritage Park and the reason Claret Ash was the preferred species was for its colour and the fact that the Chamber wished to create an avenue affect.

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It has also been noted that native trees, particularly eucalypts, regularly drop leaves and twigs, whereas the Claret Ash would have only one major leaf drop during Autumn, at which time it would be possible to undertake regular leaf clearing and thus reduce the risk of the leaves entering the waterway system and the Hawkesbury.

The Chamber recently requested that permission be given to purchase the trees proposed to be planted in Bells Line of Road as they were now available for purchase and it was becoming critical with regards to the timing of the tree planting to ensure that the project was a success. On the basis of the research undertaken and the result of the additional meeting of the North Richmond Chamber of Commerce, approval was given for the Chamber to purchase and plant the Claret Ash trees in North Richmond.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ORDINARY MEETINGMeeting Date: **9 July 1996**Item: **273****ITEM: 273** THE HAWKESBURY TRIATHLON**FILE NUMBER:** GR030/062/ENG**REPORT:**

The committee organising the Hawkesbury Triathlon has been meeting regularly since January of this year and are progressing well in the organisation of the event.

The triathlon is to be held on Sunday 20 October 1996 starting at 8.00am and finishing approximately at 11.00am. The event will start and finish in Heritage Park, North Richmond with the course extending through North Richmond and Richmond.

A copy of the course layout is attached. This course has been given tentative approval from Police with the condition that the North Richmond Bridge will be controlled by Police who will ensure safe and smooth movement of cyclists and vehicular traffic across the bridge.

The event is classed as a sprint event and is composed of a 500m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run. The event is to be sanctioned by Triathlon NSW who will inspect the course in August to ensure aspects of design and safety are in accordance with their standards.

Many businesses have been approached to support the event. As yet, several small sponsors have been secured, but a major sponsor has not been secured. The budget for the event is outlined below:-

	\$
Trophies and medals	1,000
Hire of bike racks	200
Banners and Signage	4,000
Donations (estimate of 10 groups at \$100 each)	1,000
Drink stations (anticipate donations for this)	-
Printing and stationary	1,500
Timekeeping	1,200
Advertising	2,000
Set up of course and transition area	3,000
Hospitality tent for sponsors	1,000
	\$14,900

A high profile television commentator, Mark Dragon, who was also an elite triathlete for many years has expressed interest in becoming the patron for the event. It is anticipated that this may assist in

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attracting sponsors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 274 BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH - PRE-LODGE-
MENT CONSULTATION

FILE NUMBER: GE020/029 PT02/EVD

REPORT:

Council has for many years conducted pre-lodgement consultation with developers prior to submission of applications. It is proposed to recognise this procedure and promote the service to the public by way of an information brochure.

Organised conferences with relevant Council staff are invaluable for the applicant and Council to enable the quicker processing of applications. Delays in processing applications add costs to projects and are often unnecessary if the applicant has had a pre-lodgement consultation with Council's staff.

The purpose of the process of consultation is to ensure that all major applications meet Council's requirements prior to lodgement. It is hoped that this process will circumvent the need for additional information or amendments to proposals and reduce delays in processing applications.

Attached to this report is a brochure on the pre-lodgement process.

The pre-lodgement meeting is with a panel of staff from the Environment and Development Division and are conducted regularly on Thursday afternoon.

The pre-lodgement consultation is a significant benefit to improve customer service on advice given to applicants.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information on pre-lodgement consultation be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Brochure - Pre-lodgement consultation.

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****** END OF ITEM 274 ******

ITEM: 275 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL INDUSTRY SITE, ST MARYS -
REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

FILE NUMBER: GT090/003 PT08/EVD

REPORT:

Advice has been received from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning that following the submissions on the draft Regional Environmental Study (RES), the Department has decided to proceed to prepare a draft Regional Environmental Plan (REP) to rezone the land.

A copy of the RES has been received by Council which attempts to address the submissions the Department received.

HISTORY

This Council resolved on 14 November 1995 concerning the draft RES that it was disappointed it was not formally notified of the draft study. In addition, the draft RES was considered to be vague to the preferred option for the treatment of effluent, and in particular, effluent re-use. The decision in the draft RES not to recommend a particular option seemed unnecessarily vague and non-committal.

The draft document was considered to lack detail on the performance standards to be set for key environmental impacts, particularly effluent treatment, stormwater runoff and air quality.

COMMENTS

In essence the RES states that the following issues require resolution before the site is rezoned:-

1. Biodiversity
2. Aboriginal Heritage
3. Decontamination process
4. Total water cycle management
5. Transport, urban form and air quality
6. Business Development Plan

As evident the plan is still conceptual with a large amount of investigation required to back up the REP.

Two important matters from the RES are highlighted:-

- (i) Total Water Cycle Management Plan - Wastewater

"Any waste water generated from the development shall not increase the total nutrient load in South Creek downstream of the site (measurement to be based on total load discharged at the effluent discharge minus any water quality enhancements achieved by the development)".

The RES does not satisfactorily address the effluent water quality issue, particularly as Sydney Water has advised:

"that there are concerns about the ability of wetlands to remove phosphorus from stormwater and treated effluent on a long-term basis. Wetland technology is not a generic solution to the existing water quality problems in South Creek and will require specific design and management".

The question of wetland design has not been fully investigated and trialed, with Rouse Hill Stage 1 being the first such scheme not having reached full potential.

This matter is critical as far as this Council is concerned, with the high nutrient level in South Creek leading to the Hawkesbury River.

(ii) Flooding

The RES states:-

"current State Government policy is to not include any further rural land on the UDP or to rezone other land for urban development if it lies below the PMF level, until the Floodplain Management Study for the catchment is prepared. (It should be noted that the ADI site was placed on the UDP before this policy directive and is therefore not affected by it)."

It is difficult to understand this statement in view of the Department's position with Bligh Park North. Bligh Park North was included as UDP land but was rejected by the Department for reasons of flooding and evacuation.

In addition this statement has ramifications for investigations into the Vineyard area, as this land is generally below the PMF level and opportunity to be placed on the UDP list is restricted.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **276**

ITEM: 276 COURT RESULTS - LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

FILE NUMBER: P209/465, P2342/800/EVD

REPORT:

(1) Unauthorised use of land waste facility - 633 Blaxland Ridge Road, East Kurrajong

Proceedings were brought against the Hindu Society of NSW through Councils Solicitors AR Walmsley and Co after approximately 600 tonnes of waste building rubble, timber, plastic, plaster board, tyres and general rubble had been placed on the property at Blaxland Ridge Road without consent from Council.

The result of the Class 4 application gave relief to Council and the Hindu Society were required to remove or cause to be removed all of the waste material from the site.

Cost incurred by Council were ordered to be paid by the respondent.

(2) Storage of demountable buildings and unauthorised landfill - 217 Windsor Road, McGraths Hill

Proceedings were brought against Swankin Pty Ltd through Councils Solicitors AR Walmsley and Co for conducting a development without prior approval of Council. The matter related to the storage of demountable buildings and the unauthorised placement of approximately 400 tonnes of landfill on the property.

The result of the class 4 application gave relief to Council and Swankin Pty Ltd were required to remove all of the demountable buildings within (6) six months and to remove all of the landfill material within (3) three months.

All costs incurred by Council were ordered to be paid by the respondent.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR709NCX.V04

****** END OF ITEM 276 ******

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Item: **277**

ITEM: 277 PROPOSED 10 LOT SUBDIVISION - BOWEN MOUNTAIN ROAD,
BOWEN MOUNTAIN

FILE NUMBER: SA0096/95/EVD

REPORT:

On the 5 September 1995 Council refused a proposal to subdivide a property off Horans Lane and Bowen Mountain Road. The proposal involved the subdivision of 10 allotments, off 3 existing lots, with lot sizes including eight 4ha allotments, a lot of 19.6ha and another lot with an area of 12.7ha.

The zoning required a minimum area of 40ha, the property only had an area of 66ha and therefore did not have any subdivision potential.

The applicant, Raymond Cunliffe, lodged an appeal with the Land and Environment Court on the 28 March this year. The matter is set down for the hearing and the 11 and 12 of July with Council's decision being defended.

Council will be represented by Mr John Cole of Abbott Tout with the Town Planning Supervisor providing evidence.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information concerning the appeal by Mr Raymond Cunliffe be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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****** END OF ITEM 277 ******

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ITEM: 278 DAMIT FLOOD RALLY - THOMPSON SQUARE - SUNDAY 23 JUNE 1996

FILE NUMBER: GC180/006PT03/EVD

REPORT:

From 11.00 am on 23 June 1996 the DAMIT (Disaster Alleviation Movement - In Time) group held a public rally in Thompson Square on the anniversary of the 1867 flood as a promotion for its endeavours to change government policy on the 23 metre Warragamba flood mitigation dam.

Despite some inclement weather, in the vicinity of 200 people were in attendance to hear addresses from the NSW Liberal Party Deputy Leader and Shadow Treasurer, Ron Phillips; the former Shire President of Nyngan, Mr John Hoare; Member for Hawkesbury, Kevin Rozzoli; Member for Londonderry, Paul Gibson; and Mayor Stubbs.

Mr Phillips provided a commitment to raise the height of the dam by 23 metres on return to government.

For Council's information, the DAMIT group has to date collected in excess of 2,000 signatures to a petition to raise the Warragamba Dam wall, in order to protect life and property.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information concerning the DAMIT Flood Rally on 23 June 1996 be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Section 6 **Reports of Committees**

Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection - 6 June 1996

Minutes of the Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection Committee held in the Committee Room, Council Chamber, Windsor, on 6 June 1996.

PRESENT: Clr R Stubbs (Chairperson), Ms P Charlton, Ms E Colquhoun, Mr B Jones, Mr G Hansell, Mr S Neave, Mr T Thorpe, Ms R Aldrich, Ms Y West, Ms J Brownlie.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

RESOLVED on the motion of G Hansell seconded by E Colquhoun that the previous minutes be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. The Windsor Group (book)

Ms Colquhoun reported that the printers are well on the way to completion of the binding, with only the slip cover remaining. It was resolved on the motion of R Aldrich, seconded E Colquhoun that the book be sold for \$30.

Action: Ms Charlton undertook to mention the book in the newsletter.

2. Ken Done raffle - results

The raffle was won by Brian Klatt of Freeman's Reach. Ms Colquhoun is following up with an invitation for Mr Klatt to join FOTHAC. Proceeds from the raffle were \$776.

3. Streeton Centenary Celebrations

It was agreed that 3 o'clock be the time for the unveiling of the sign. Robin Norling has accepted our invitation to speak at the evening function, for a fee of \$100. Clr Stubbs gave approval for the use of Council Chambers and ante rooms for the evening.

Action: Ms Charlton undertook to write to Mr Norling to confirm, and to book the Council Chambers and ante rooms. Mr Jones asked Ms Charlton to make enquiries of the Concert Band and Blake's music re performing as guests arrive on the night. Mr Jones, Mr Hansell, Ms Colquhoun and Ms Charlton volunteered to form a sub-committee and to meet separately in order to push the project forward.

4. Fitzgerald Street Creative Arts Centre

It was reported that Ms Rea is unable to represent FOTHAC because of heavy work commitments. It was resolved on the motion of E Colquhoun, seconded Y West that Mr Jones take over once Ms Rea's resignation becomes official. It was reported that the official opening will take place on the evening of 28 June.

5. Membership

Ms Colquhoun reported that applications have been received from Julie Griffiths, Joyce Edwards and Colleen Giudice. It was resolved on the motion of G Hansell, seconded J Brownlie that the applications be accepted.

6. Historic Engravings

Mr Hansell reported that the engraving of Wilberforce from Pitt Town is on its way.

Action: It was resolved on the motion of E Colquhoun, seconded P Charlton that the engraving be acquired, subject to condition as appraised by a sub-committee comprising G Hansell, B Jones, E Colquhoun and Clr Stubbs.

7. Auction

Action: It was agreed that members start soliciting donations of goods, and suss out a suitable auctioneer.

8. Collection Appraisal

It was reported that Ms Gai Hendrikson attended Council offices to begin the process of appraising the condition of the collection, as decided at the May meeting.

9. Fruits Of The Hawkesbury

Ms Charlton reported that the festival planning is well underway, with a brochure to be printed shortly.

Mrs West criticised the Cultural Committee, whom she accused of not doing anything, and raised the following objections to FOTHAC's contribution of a workshop with Helen Goldsmith:-

- a. the price agreed to at the last meeting was \$75, whereas in the draft brochure it says \$65;
- b. people don't go to workshops to have a slap-up lunch;
- c. FOTHAC should not be organising workshops;

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- d. Helen Goldsmith won't take fifteen students; and
- e. it costs too much and nobody will come.

Mrs West asked who is going to prepare the lunch, and informed the Committee that she would not assist with this function.

As the matter had already been discussed and decided by vote at the May meeting, there was no further discussion. It was agreed that details about catering would be heard at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Out

- 1. Invitation to Helen Goldsmith regarding watercolour workshop on 13 October.
- 2. Thank you to Claire Martin of NSWAG for tickets and catalogue.

In

- 1. Acceptance by Robin Norling of invitation to speak at Streeton party on 5 October.
- 2. Request by Dept of Fair Trading for details of income and expenditure.
- 3. Invitation by Hawkesbury District Health Service to participate in an Open Day and Street Parade on 22 June (parade is from 10.00am - 11.00am).
- 4. Cancellation of Masters Tour booked for 11 October by Rosemary Keegan.

RESOLVED on the motion of G Hansell and seconded E Colquhoun that the correspondence be received.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

DONATIONS: \$500.33 WORKING A/C: \$2154.93

RESOLVED on the motion of Y West and seconded by G Hansell that the Treasurer's report be received.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

RESOLVED on the motion of Mrs West that FOTHAC pay for two to attend a cocktail party at Campbelltown Gallery. Mr Jones and Ms Colquhoun volunteered to attend.

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 4 July 1996, at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Council Chambers, Windsor.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

******* END OF REPORT *******

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Minutes of the Shaffer Quarry Environmental Monitoring Committee held at the Wilberforce Community Centre, Windsor, on 19 June 1996 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor L Sheather (Chairperson), S Larkin, J Chapple, R Cokery, J Halpin, G Baldry, P Lee.

RESOLVED on the motion of S Larkin seconded by J Chapple that the minutes of the meeting of 29 February 1996, be adopted.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

1. Appreciation of roadworks performed on Bull Ridge Road - Mrs Larkin wished to pass on her and many others appreciation for the upgrading of the road.
2. Workshop construction - Mr Halpin advised that the workshop was not needed by him and that a submission would be made to Council to amend his consent to have the requirement removed.
3. Conflict of interest - Councillor Sheather informed the committee that information back from the General Manager (Mr McCully) is that the conflict of interest of Mrs Larkin being a member of the committee is not any greater than that of other members of the committee with vested interests.

Mr Corkery requested the minutes to show that his and Mr Halpins opinions have not changed on this matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Letter tabled from Mr Ray Clifford informing the committee of his departure from Council and the committee, and expressed his pleasure of being a member in the past.

Rehabilitation

Condition 41 - Mr Halpin raised the point that the rehabilitation plan shows Activity No 12 on the plan (landscaping around the office) as being able to be done when they have sufficient time available - committee agreed with this assumption.

Vegetation of Eastern Escarpment - Councillor Sheather raised the matter that the bank has not been covered with mulch as required and that the bank is clearly visible from Singleton Road. Mr Corkery advised the committee that seeding would commence November 1996.

Councillor Sheather requested a meeting on site to review the rehabilitation plans which has been arranged for 3.30pm on the 25 July 1996 with committee members and Mr John Pye and Mr Colin Hamilton of Council to also be present.

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2. Amenities Building - Mr Halpin informed the committee that the amenities building would be installed and operation by the 25 July 1996.
3. "Yellow Bus" near office - Mr Halpin informed the committee that it would either be removed or he will have a schedule for it's removal by 25 July 1996.
4. Mr Baldry submitted quarterly report on inspections of the quarry.
5. Mr Corkery tabled results of dust monitoring, Mr Baldry to look at results to establish their meeting the guidelines - Mr Corkery to give Mr Baldry any information required to establish the results.
6. Section 94 Contributions - Mr Halpin to check on his submission of figures to Council as he believes that these have already been submitted and the fees paid.

NEXT MEETING - site meeting at Shaffer Quarry at 3.30pm on the 25 July 1996.

Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 21 June 1996

Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor on Friday 21 June 1996 commencing at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor R Searle (Chairman)
 Mr J Christie, Office of P Gibson, MP
 Senior Constable R Banno, NSW Police Service

APOLOGIES: Mr G Hatch, Department of Transport

ALSO PRESENT: Mr C Daley, Director, Asset Services and Recreation
 Mrs M Fookes, Engineering Clerk
 Mr J Corry, Development Engineer

MINUTES

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 May, 1996 were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2. Proposed lot 3, subdivision of lot 1 DP811602 - George/Macquarie/Baker Streets, Windsor - proposed retail centre - Tryence Pty Ltd DA63/96

Development application providing for the construction of a retail centre including a 66 space basement carpark on the subject property.

Deferred from meetings held on 19 April 1996 and 17 May 1996 pending receipt of comment from the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Summary of comment received from the Roads and Traffic Authority:

the application is not supported by the Authority on the following bases:

1. *Semi-trailer access off Macquarie Street to serve the subject site is totally unacceptable due to unacceptable delays to significant volumes of traffic at that point on Macquarie Street;*
2. *mixing of service and customer vehicles in a common driveway is highly undesirable and should be separated;*
3. *the proposed driveway/access road off Macquarie Street is totally inadequate to cater for 2-way traffic flow when large trucks are involved;*
4. *the layout of the loading dock appears unsuitable as most semi-trailers unload/load goods from the rear of the truck, not the side; and,*

5. *customer parking spaces would be blocked while a semi-trailer was parked at the loading dock.*

Committee's Recommendation:

That the subject application not be supported for reasons cited by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE

3. Grose Vale Road, North Richmond - alteration of restricted parking signs - Civic Video North Richmond 722/R PT05

Requesting alteration of existing full-time "No Standing" regulatory signage on the western side of Grose Vale Road, North Richmond by inclusion of time restriction to accommodate store patrons.

Committee's Recommendation:

1. that the subject regulatory signage be altered to "No Standing, 6.00am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday, 6.00am - Noon Saturday";
2. that "No Stopping" zones be installed on the western side of Grose Vale Road, North Richmond at the following locations:
 - (a) for a distance of six (8) metres north from the intersection of William Street with Grose Vale Road, and
 - (b) for a distance of six (26) metres south of Bells Line of Road, North Richmond.
4. Macquarie Street, Windsor - clearway restriction - Windsor Chamber of Commerce 1341/R PT03

In response to Council's resolution of 12 December 1995 advising that imposition of a pm clearway restriction on Macquarie Street, Windsor is not supported as the Chamber was of the opinion that little advantage to traffic flows would result.

Committee's Recommendation:

That no further action be taken in respect of this matter at the present time but that traffic flows be monitored.

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5. The Terrace, Windsor - tourist coach parking - Hawkesbury City Council 2019/R PT02

Plan dated 13 June 1996 depicting proposed tourist coach parking on The Terrace, Windsor, north of Baker Street requiring fence re-alignment and pavement widening at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the proposal be supported in principle but that comment be sought from Tourism Hawkesbury, the Department of Transport and tourist coach operators and in relation to the latter particularly in respect of bus clearance of a tree adjoining the proposed parking area.

6. Grose Vale Road, North Richmond - car park access - Hawkesbury City Council 722/R PT05

In response to the Committee's previous resolution, plan no 1810-12 depicting access from Grose Vale Road, North Richmond to the carpark situated at the corner of Riverview Street and Grose Vale Road.

Balanced against provision of access to the car-park off Grose Vale Road, the following issues were addressed:

1. Proximity of proposed access to adjacent intersections, namely:

- (a) Riverview Street - 35m and,
- (b) Bells Line of Road - 60m;

2. Loss of carparking spaces, namely:

- (a) internally - 3
- (b) on-street - all on-street parking between Riverview Street and Bells Line of Road

3. Economic impact on adjoining shops relying on passing trade requiring on-street parking; and,

4. The proposed supermarket development will increase traffic flows at the proposed driveway.

Committee's Recommendation:

- 1. that the proposed access from Grose Vale Road to the subject carpark is not supported;
- 2. that the existing parking restriction on the eastern side of Grose Vale Road, North Richmond between Bells Line of Road and Riverview Street be altered from the existing 1/4 hour parking to 1/2 hour parking;

3. that design of a roundabout at the intersection of Riverview Street and Grose Vale Road be undertaken as a matter of priority, and construction be listed for consideration for inclusion in the next available Works Program;
4. that the existing "No Standing" zone on the eastern side of Grose Vale Road be altered to "No Stopping" and be extended a further 6 metres south of Bells Line of Road, and,
5. that the North Richmond Chamber of Commerce be advised of the foregoing decisions.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr J Christie

1. Advised of representations received regarding the incidence of speeding Tow-trucks on Claremont Street, Richmond.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the NSW Police Service be requested to address the matter.

2. Advised that intermediate "No Stopping" signs have not been erected on the eastern side of Bosworth Street, Richmond between March and Lennox Streets, as previously resolved by Council.

Committee's Recommendation:

That further representations be made to the Roads and Traffic Authority requesting expeditious erection of subject signage.

3. Enquired as to whether a reply had been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding the horizontal alignment of Windsor Street, Richmond, at Bourke Street, giving the impression that opposing traffic flows are directed at each other.

Mr C Daley advised that a reply had not been received to date.

Committee's Recommendation:

That further correspondence be forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority requesting expeditious investigation and reply.

Senior Constable R Banno

4. Advised of representations received regarding school children being deposited against vehicle travelling lane at Ebenezer Public School, Sackville Road, Ebenezer.

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Committee's Recommendation:

To defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending site inspection prior to that meeting and that representatives of the Department of Transport, Westbus and Ebenezer Public School be invited to that on-site inspection.

Councillor R Searle

5. Advised of representations received regarding narrow pavement width at the intersection of Day and Mileham Streets, Windsor following reconstruction of Mileham Street by Council and reconstruction of Day Street in conjunction with works associated with Hawkesbury Hospital.

Committee's Recommendation:

That this matter be further investigated and reported.

6. Advised of representations received regarding traffic congestion on Bells Line of Road, North Richmond caused by conflict between cyclists and vehicles.

Committee's Recommendation:

That this matter be investigated and report submitted for the committee's consideration.

7. Advised of representations received requesting "No Parking" signage on the eastern side of The Terrace, Windsor between Baker and Fitzgerald Streets due to narrow pavement width in relation to two way traffic.

Committee's Recommendation:

No further action be taken in respect of this matter following comment by police representative that existing situation achieves de-facto traffic calming with no accident history evident at this stage.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held on 19 July 1996, convening at 8.45am at Ebenezer Public School.

The meeting terminated at 11.30am.

******* END OF REPORT *******

Cultural Committee - 24 June 1996

Minutes of the meeting of Hawkesbury Cultural Committee 24 June 1996 at Council Chambers, Windsor, commencing at 7.40pm

PRESENT: Clr Sahasrabuddhe (8.40pm), Alannah Sledge, Prue Charlton, Jeannette Domars, Peta Gray, Greg Hansell

APOLOGIES: Marina Ferns, Johnneen Hibbert, Janne Malfroy, Robyn Tayler.

REPORTS

- C **Promotion.** 3,000 brochures are in the process of being designed and printed by Moorcroft printers, North Richmond. The brochures are in full-colour and feature Streeton's Purple Noon's Transparent Might on the cover.

Further Action:(all to note)

The deadline for copy is Friday 4 July.

- C The **Twilight Concert** is taking shape, with St Matthews booked for Sunday 29 September at 4pm. There will be four local choirs - The Macquarie Towns Choral Society, The Carmarthen Singers, The Hawkesbury Choir (UWS) and the Richmond High School choir. TV producer and popular local identity, Dennis Phelan, has agreed to be presenter. A guest soloist is still being sought. It was confirmed that we are not allowed to charged for entry, but that we can ask for "programs by donation".

Further Action (Jeannette):

Middy Show regular, Martin Lass, to be approached to do a violin solo; Gateway School jazz band to be confirmed, along with an item/s to be arranged with Carol McKenzie, and the 'theme' song. Jeannette to give Prue The Harvest Song for distribution to choirs. Peter Nugus to be asked to conduct; the St Matthew's Ladies Auxiliary to be asked to do afternoon tea which will be served in the grounds (if they can't do it, Windsor CWA to be asked). Rehearsal dates to be confirmed. Graham Hunt to be asked to play the organ.

- C **Fibre Art** - no further details available.

Further Action:

Prue to speak to Janne re leaflet/entry forms and mailing list, and to write a letter thanking Patchworkers & Quilters of the Hawkesbury for their offer of a \$100 encouragement prize.

- C **Art - Helen Goldsmith** has agreed to do the watercolour workshop on Sunday 13 October for a fee of \$300, to be paid by The Friends Of The Hawkesbury Art Collection. The Cultural Committee is to assist with the hire of St Monica's (approx \$100.00) The price is confirmed at \$65 per person, which includes a "white table" lunch at Smith Park (Pugh's Lagoon) if weather permits. FOTHAC are to take the proceeds to enhance their fundraising program, and to organise the catering.

- C **Streeton Centenary.** FOTHAC have planned special tours of significant sites, finishing up at the Purple Noon site for the unveiling of the sign at 3pm. It was agreed that champagne and orange juice would be easier to cater than afternoon tea, and that Council's cabanas could be used for shade. The evening function at Council Chambers is

planned for 6.30 - 8.30 pm, and will feature an illustrated lecture by Robin Norling. Cocktails and finger food will be served, and there will be a display of some of the treasures of the Hawkesbury Art Collection, as well as a display of photographs showing significant sites as they are today (photos to be provided by the Hawkesbury Camera Club).

Further Action:

Prue to write a letter of confirmation to St Monica's. Greg to ask Brian Jones if champagne and orange juice would be OK instead of afternoon tea.

C Weekend packages - no further details available.

Further Action:

Prue to speak to Robyn to suggest a meeting with Andrea Chandler-Joyce (Tourism Hawkesbury) about local guest houses.

C Film Festival. The date (Thursday 10 Oct) and venue (Memorial Hall, UWS) are confirmed.

Further Action:

Johneen to provide more details as they become available..

C History & Heritage

Further Action:

Prue to speak to Michelle Nicholls at the Library re a display.

C Open Gardens. No further information.

Further Action:

Alannah to provide more details.

C Writing Workshop. This is confirmed for Saturday 5 October from 2pm to 5pm, at Bowman Cottage. The tutor is Les Martin, a writer of articles, poetry and musicals. The cost per person is \$10, which includes light refreshments.

Further Action:

Prue to write to Writers to confirm.

C Dance - A tutor is being sought to run a master class at Ham Street Hall, with participants to pay a fee yet to be determined. There will also be a "Come And Try" day at Richmond School Of Arts, offering people of all ages the opportunity to try Rock 'N' Roll and modern (free)

Further Action:

Peta to find someone for the master class and to assist with the Come And Try. Prue to give Peta a contact for Margaret Pacitti (Happy Days Dance School). Peta to give Prue a date so that Prue can book Richmond School Of Arts.

4. CORRESPONDENCE OUT

C To The Carmarthen Singers, The Macquarie Towns Choral Soc and the Hawkesbury Choir, inviting participation. (A letter will also be sent to Richmond High School Choir).

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- C To The National Gallery of Victoria, asking permission to use Purple Noon for the brochure and to show a 35ml slide of same at Robin Norling's lecture.

5. CORRESPONDENCE IN

- C From National Gallery of Victoria, granting permission (at no cost) in both cases.
Further Action: *Prue to ask Council's graphic artist to design stationery using Greg's logos.*

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Writers group have asked for more information on the old hospital and whether there would be space available for meetings. The Committee agreed that there are problems with the old hospital, in terms of the standard of accommodation and doubts about the long-term future of the building. Windsor CWA and Richmond CWA were suggested as more suitable alternatives.

Further Action:

Marina to advise the Writers.

NEXT MEETING: 29 July at 7.30 pm at Council. The meeting closed at 9pm

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