HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

Where People Make the Difference!

BUSINESS PAPER

DATE OF MEETING: 11 June 1996

LOCATION: Council Chambers

TIME: 7.30pm

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1. HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING GU001/001 PT02

Councillors will be aware of the debate currently taking place over the proposed funding cuts to Australia's Universities by up to 12%. The University of Western Sydney was unique in its establishment in the late 1980s in that it was created specifically to serve the people of the Region. The Region of Greater Western Sydney contains almost 10% of Australia's population. A lot of these people were almost literally dumped in the area and have suffered the lack of services and facilities provided elsewhere in Metropolitan Sydney. I am sure I do not need to draw the Council's attention to matters such as health and transport to highlight just two of these.

While the University has only existed for a short number of years, it has provided a level of service that has greatly enhanced the community. This includes 25,000 graduates and now it has more undergraduates new to higher education than any other University in the country.

If the funding cuts proceed, this would seem to be a total reversal of the promises made by the Coalition Policy Statement on Higher Education before the last election which in part read :

> *"The Coalition recognises that the significant per capita (student) reduction of Commonwealth funds under Labor has had a detrimental effect on quality. This has been evident in overcrowded lectures, unworkable tutorials and inadequate libraries. The financial squeeze also has detrimentally affected research infrastructure, research training and research capacity. Overall, this has put at risk the quality of both education and research.*
>
> *The Coalition ..... will at least maintain the level of Commonwealth funding to Universities both in terms of operating grants and research grants."*

From personal experience the University is managed in an efficient and effective manner with a great focus on quality. In those circumstances it would be very difficult to see how the Government could expect it to remain teaching the same number of students and maintain the same level of research output with a cut in funding.

Western Sydney has long seen and suffered from lack of services and facilities. It now has a quality University where 58% of its students are the first in their family to attend a University. Of these more than 25% come from a non English speaking background. A total of 65% of the University's students come from the Greater Western Sydney Region. How, in all those circumstances, could the Government consider reducing funding to an area and University so deserving.

I have written to all the Western Sydney Government Members and to the Government Senators in New South Wales seeking their support.

I would recommend strongly that the Council in the circumstances stated seek the Federal Government to maintain and improve the level of funding to the University of Western Sydney.

Councillor Rex Stubbs
Mayor

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

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No Notices of Motion Were Submitted

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No Rescission Notices Were Submitted

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

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Section 3

Report of the General Purpose Committee

Report of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 28 May 1996, commencing at 9.30am.

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

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

Councillor Lawson arrived at the meeting at 9.43am.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert and seconded by Councillor Paine that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert and seconded by Councillor Sheather that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 23 April 1996, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

MAYORAL MINUTE

SITING OF OLYMPIC STADIUM GR030/056 PT01

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE PROPOSAL of Penrith City Council to seek the siting of an Olympic Stadium at Penrith be supported on a regional basis and that local sports groups be contacted with a view to ascertaining further avenues of support.

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

146: SUBDIVISION BY BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT PROPOSAL - LOT 1 DP731677 AND LAND IN OLD SYSTEM CONVEYANCE NO 220 BOOK 146 - 115 REDBANK ROAD, NORTH RICHMOND (SA139/95 PT01/EVD)

Applicant:	John Albert Fuller
Applicants Reps:	JA Fuller
Owner:	JA Fuller and State Rail
Stat. Provisions:	HLEP 1989 and SEPP1
Area:	Approximately 3.93ha
Zone:	Rural 1(b)

Advertising: Not advertised
Date Received: 30 October 1995 - consideration deferred at applicants request

Key Issues:

, Minimum lot size
, Boundary adjustment clause

Action:

Refusal

Mr Terry Gravara, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE SUBDIVISION be approved and appropriate conditions come back to the Ordinary Meeting.

147: URBAN BUSHLAND - BIODIVERSITY SURVEY (GP010/001 PT02/GMA)

Mr Michael Adams, National Parks & Wildlife Service, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

148: EAST KURRAJONG BUSH FIRE STATION EXTENSIONS (GC305/088 PT01/GMA)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT APPROVAL BE given to East Kurrajong Bush Fire Brigade to demolish the existing two bay section of the station and sell the old building materials so as to assist in the financing of a new three bay extension.

149: DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 20/95 - ADDITIONAL HERITAGE - HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL (LEP20/95/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT A SUBMISSION be prepared requesting the Minister to gazette the plan, and Council exercise its delegation with respect to Sections 68 and 69 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

150: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 22 - HAWKESBURY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 1989 (GT160/002/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE to prepare a DLEP to replace Clause 22(2) in the manner set out in Appendix 1.

151: THREATENED SPECIES CONSERVATION ACT, 1995 (GE020/035 PT02/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT COUNCIL WRITE to Local Members and the Minister for the Environment and Urban Affairs and Planning expressing concern about:

   (a) Lack of consultation in the drafting of the legislation.

   (b) Lack of strategic focus and an over reliance on the development control process.

2. That the issue of Council employing an ecologist be investigated.

152: CAMPAIGN AGAINST OVERHEAD CABLES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (GT001/001 PT2/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT THIS REPORT be received and noted.

2. That Council write to both Telstra and Optus requesting them to advise Council when they do have plans for cabling the Hawkesbury Local Government area and that the consultation process be in strict accordance with the requirements of the Telecommunications National Code.

153: REZONING APPLICATION - PROPOSED LOT 1 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 DP789666 NO. 154 BOUNDARY ROAD, OAKVILLE - APPLICANT: AUSTRALIAN WATER TECHNOLOGIES (SYDNEY WATER) (LEP8/96/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT:-

1. Council prepare a draft local environmental plan to rezone proposed Lot 1 in the subdivision of Lot 1 DP789666 from Special Uses 5(a) under Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989, to Rural 1(c).

2. An environmental study not be required in view of the relatively minor nature of the proposal.

3. Council exercise its delegation under Section 65 and 69 of the Act in respect of the proposal.

154: URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - SYDNEY RESIDENTIAL LAND - HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL (GT225/001/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

THAT COUNCIL send a delegation to meet with The Hon Craig Knowles MP

1. To discuss the future development of North Bligh Park.

2. The Grose Wold subdivision application.

3. Flood mitigation proposals.

155: BED AND BREAKFAST ACCOMMODATION - REMOVAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR B&Bs IN EXISTING DWELLINGS - ADOPTION OF A POLICY TO FACILITATE B&Bs IN THE HAWKESBURY AREA. (LEP012/96/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. A DRAFT local environmental plan be prepared to remove the requirement for development consent for Bed and Breakfast accommodation in existing dwellings.

2. Council adopt a policy for Bed and Breakfast accommodation similar to that operating at Newcastle but varied in accordance with (1) above.

156: RICHMOND PASTORAL COMPANY - PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION, LOT 12 DP 716742, BELLS LINE OF ROAD, NORTH RICHMOND. (LAND GENERALLY BOUNDED BY BELLS LINE OF ROAD, RURAL PRESS AND REDBANK CREEK) (LEP007/90;P243/415PT02/EVD)

Mr Glenn Falson, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Mr Brian McKinlay, an objector, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT COUNCIL support a draft local environmental plan to rezone the land for residential purposes subject to the preparation of appropriate environmental studies at the applicant's expense.

2. The applicant be advised that all residential home sites may need to be located above the probable maximum flood.

3. Should a Section 65 Certificate be provided by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, a Development Control Plan be prepared at the applicant's expense to determine detailed planning issues such as the location of open space and Section 94 contributions.

4. That a report be developed to address the probable expansion of the North Richmond area.

157: MORATORIUM ON LICENSES TO EXTRACT WATER - IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE - MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION AND HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST (GEO20/012PT02/EVD)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION concerning the meeting on the moratorium on licences to extract water be received.

158: ERECTION OF DWELLING - LOT 3 DP246975, NO 5 PALMER STREET, WINDSOR (BA1451/95 PT01/EVD)

Mr Edgar Phipps, objector, addressed the Committee on Items 158, 159 and 160.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A SITE INSPECTION be carried out of Items 158, 159 and 160.

The Committee inspected the site at 3.10pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, R G Calvert, M E Lawson, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe, R D Searle and L C Sheather.

Mr E Phipps and Mr James addressed the Committee on site.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE BUILDING application be approved subject to amended plans providing for a right of way for flood access benefiting the properties fronting North Street.

159: ERECTION OF DWELLING - LOT 2 DP246975, NO 7 PALMER STREET, WINDSOR (BA1452/95 PT01/EVD)

The Committee inspected the site at 3.10pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, R G Calvert, M E Lawson, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe, R D Searle and L C Sheather.

Mr E Phipps and Mr James addressed the Committee on site.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE BUILDING application be approved subject to amended plans providing for a right of way for flood access benefiting the properties fronting North Street.

160: ERECTION OF DWELLING ON FLOOD LIABLE LAND, LOT 25 DP742749, 17 NORTH STREET, WINDSOR (DA274/95/EVD)

The Committee inspected the site at 3.10pm. Councillors present at the inspection were Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, R G Calvert, M E Lawson, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R Sahasrabuddhe, R D Searle and L C Sheather.

Mr E Phipps and Mr James addressed the Committee on site.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

GIVEN THE FLOOD liability of the land, a report be brought to the Ordinary Meeting on a buy back of the land.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Investigations into the acquisition of lot 25 as the property is flood affected have taken place with the following information available:-

1. Purchase Price

Investigation have revealed that the property is presently on the market for $59,000.00 (fifty nine thousand dollars). Indications are that the owner would consider offers over $50,000.00 (fifty thousand dollars).

It is understood that the property has been on the market for approximately 12 (twelve) months; the main reason for this being whether a dwelling could be built on the block.

2. Acquisition by Council

The question of acquisition by Council of this property and/or other flood liable land is a major issue.

Council has not adopted a policy of acquisition of flood liable land. The Flood Plain Management Policy, produced by the Department of Public Works, states that it is feasible for Council to have a strategy of property acquisitions.

The Flood Plain Management Scheme would involve consultation with the public and relevant public authorities for adoption as a strategy. Property acquisition of flood liable land may well be included in such a strategy.

The issue of property acquisition of flood liable property has the opportunity for Federal and State funding, depending upon the level of support for the strategy.

Liverpool City Council have an acquisition program of flood affected land. Their scheme has an agreed funding split of 40% Federal/40% State/20% Council. Liverpool Council has an adopted criteria for acquisition which depends on people living in flood affected areas, properties that contain dwellings that are flood affected and age of dwelling. Vacant allotments are low on the selection criteria.

An initial search of residential zoned properties within Windsor, Richmond, McGraths Hill and Pitt Town that are flood affected (ie below 13 metre AHD) revealed approximately 200 properties.

It is considered that the acquisition of lot 25 as a flood affected property in isolation, without a Council adopted policy and examining sources of funding is premature.

Any examination of acquisition of this property should not be considered in isolation without regard to the many other properties.

If Council wishes to refuse the application, reasons for refusal will need to be provided. These could be the flood liability of the land, the affect on adjoining property, non compliance with clause 25(4) of Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 and potential precedent.

However for the reasons provided to the Generap Purpose Committee; the residential zoning of the land, the ability to meet a 16m habitable floor standard, the record of a building approval for the land, and the existence of footings and perhaps substantial commencement, it is recommended that the application be approved.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

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

The General Manager read a letter from Mrs E Roe, 346 Macquarie Street, Windsor.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THIS MATTER be deferred to the next General Purpose Committee Meeting to allow Mrs Roe to address the Committee.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

37: LEASE OF 20 FITZGERALD STREET, WINDSOR, AS A CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE (P610/155 PT2/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT -

1. The leasing arrangement between the Council and Hawkesbury Creative Arts Centre Inc. be varied so that a weekly rental of $105:00 (one hundred and five dollars) is payable to Council effective from 1st July, 1996, with Council assuming responsibility for outgoings for that period with the exception of electricity charges which shall remain the responsibility of the Lessee.

2. This arrangement to be reviewed in 12 (twelve) months time.

38: GLOSSODIA SHOPPING CENTRE (GC283/056 PT2/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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THAT A FEASIBILITY study be carried out in regard to the proposal to expand Glossodia Neighbourhood Shopping Centre and once the study is completed, the matter be reported back to the Council, including details of the concept plan costings and financial returns, for determination.

39: MEMORIAL STONE - KURRAJONG WAR MEMORIAL PARK (GF008/001 PT12/CSV)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL MAKE a donation of $1,000 (one thousand) to the Kurrajong/Colo RSL Sub Branch this year.

40: CAMP QUALITY CAPER CHARITY CAR RALLY (GF008/001 PT12/CSV)

Councillor Calvert declared an interest in this matter as he has been involved in fund raising for this event.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL SUPPORT a donation of $1,000 (one thousand) to the Camp Quality Caper Charity Car Rally in relation to the report.

41: MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - APRIL 1996 (GF011/005 PT04/FNC)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE INFORMATION be received.

42: HAWKESBURY SPORTS COUNCIL (GR30/30 PT04/GMA)

Mr Greg Bannerman, President, Hawkesbury Sports Council, addressed the Committee.

43: REMOVAL OF HORSE TROUGH AT CORNER BELLS LINE OF ROAD AND TERRACE ROAD, NORTH RICHMOND - TO HERITAGE PARK (GC280/004 PT03/ENG)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE WATER TROUGH stay in its current position and that it be restored by Council when funds are available.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Councillor Searle asked if the Land and Environment Court come out and look at issues before it makes a decision, for example the BP Service Station at North Richmond. He asked who convenes the Court.

   The General Manager advised that the Court does inspect sites and the BP Service Station was inspected. The Court comprises the Court and an assessor.

2. Councillor Searle asked when can the new Signage Policy be expected.

   The Director Environment & Development stated that he planned to put it up to the next Committee Meeting.

3. Councillor Baczynskyj referred to the condition of the bicycle paths in Bligh Park in terms of soil erosion and asked if there is any way in which this could be remedied.

4. Councillor Baczynskyj referred to the community consultation meetings and the need for a response from a broader community. He referred to a meeting at the Hawkesbury High School where 5 issues were raised - health, homelessness, transport, unemployment, activities and venues. Homelessness was a very big issue and one that needs to be taken on board.

   The Mayor advised that Council is undertaking an extensive youth program and it is proposed to take these discussions to the High Schools with the co-operation of the teachers, and the young people will have some input and develop action plans for the youth.

5. Councillor Baczynskyj stated that he was going to start canvassing some levels of Government on issues such as the Bligh Park intersections, the safety of school buses, etc. and asked the Councillors to join with him and support him in his endeavours.

6. Councillor Sahasrabuddhe referred to the weed growth on the footbridge at North Richmond and asked who is responsible for maintenance.

   The Director Asset Services & Recreation undertook to arrange for maintenance work to be carried out.

7. Councillor Sahasrabuddhe asked if Council has any plans for the Year 2000.

   The Mayor advised that Year 2001 will be a very important year, being the Centenary of Federation, and indications are that there should be major funding available for projects during that year. These will be reported to Council.

8. Councillor Lawson asked if the Green Waste Plan would be reported to the next General Purpose Committee meeting.

   The Director Environment & Development advised that it would be.

9. Councillor Lawson asked if anything was being done about the rubbish bins in Thompson Square.

   The Director Asset Services & Recreation advised that a dump bin was being investigated as an alternative to providing an extra service.

10. Councillor Sheather asked about the possibility of Council being involved in dredging parts of the Hawkesbury. He referred to discussions he had had with Mike Geary of the Department of Land & Water Conservation, who indicated that there would be a need to have a study done, of which the Department would pay half the cost.

11. Councillor Allan stated that there were two disabled parking bays in the Jewel's extensions that had been removed and asked if this could be investigated.

12. Councillor Allan referred to a request by Mr Kevin Cox, ranger at the Upper Colo Reserve regarding problems with signage, rubbish and burnt out cars. She asked if Mr Cox could be contacted.

13. Councillor Allan referred to the Main Street Co-0rdinator. The Chambers of Commerce are funding the Co-0rdinator at present and it is hoped to get a grant from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning so that this could be ongoing, hopefully to the middle of next year.

    The Director Environment & Development undertook to follow this matter up.

The meeting adjourned for inspections at 2.40pm.

The meeting terminated at 3.40pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 25 June 1996.

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Mayor

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Section 4

Reports for Determination

ITEM: 233 SPORTS COUNCIL

FILE NUMBER: GR030/030 PT04/GMA

REPORT:

The Council and individual members have heard from representatives of the Sports Council about their disappointment at the proposed budget allocation to them for the forthcoming financial year. The matter has also been raised about the proposed allocation of funds considering the Council's financial priorities.

In relation to the Council's financial priorities as adopted at its Planning Workshop, no area, including those that were listed above recreation received more than this years rate indexation. It is therefore not correct to say that the function was not dealt with in accordance with the Council's adopted directions. Unfortunately, with the required increases that the Council had to deal with, particularly in the areas of insurance and in the absence of a rise in rates, there were no additional funds to be allocated to any area in 1996/97.

The Sports Council has achieved a great deal during the period of its existence, particularly in co-ordinating a sport and sporting organisations, identifying priorities, developing policy and having an increased level of contribution from sporting groups.

It is obvious from the representations received that there is a degree of frustration with them not being able to get on with their adopted program due to financial constraints within the Council's budget. One of the substantial increases they requested for the forthcoming year was additional recurrent finance for increased staff. The need for the increased staff was to do such matters as contract administration and improving their level of service. Increasing the level of service is an objective across the Council organisation, not just the Sports Council.

Additional capital funding could be made available by reordering the priorities from the Asset Management area such as the fund's not required in the immediate future for the construction of traffic facilities in West Market Street, Richmond and from the kerb and gutter program at Glossodia. The priorities identified by the Sports Council include upgrading of the canteen facilities at various reserves to meet current public health standards.

Given the time that the Sports Council has been in existence and their achievements and now request for significant, additional, recurrent expenditure, it is considered appropriate that there be a review of the Council's and Sports Council's functions so that any problems, duplications and issues can be addressed. This would most appropriately be undertaken by a small working group from the Sports Council and the Council. It is suggested that two Councillors be involved with the appropriate staff and that there be a report back to the Council by September/October to enable the matter to be considered at the next Council Planning Workshop.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Sports Council be allocated $200,000 (two hundred thousand) in capital funds for Capital Works with these funds coming from the traffic facilities proposal for West Market Street Richmond and the Kerb and Gutter Program. That the Sports Council be asked to advise the priorities for the expenditure of these funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NAX.G19 ****** END OF ITEM 233 ******

ITEM: 234 DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTION UNDER SEAL

FILE NUMBER: SA0161/93 PT01, GC283/119 PT02, GC283/087 PT02, GC283/060 PT01, GC283/031 PT02, GC283/123 PT01/CSV

REPORT:

Deed of Agreement	Between Council and Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for the formal transfer of land described as lot 4 in Deposited Plan 845113 and comprising part of Willow Glen Road, Kurrajong. Being land utilised for road purposes but not having been formally transferred and dedicated as public road.
Residential Tenancy	Renewal of lease to Peter Rust for 52 Berger Road, South Windsor for a fixed term of six months at $175.00 per week rental. The premises comprise a three bedroom brick home with double garage.
Residential Tenancy Agreement	Renewal of lease to Neil Cuthbert for 38 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave for a fixed term of six months at $115.00 per week rental. The premises comprise an olderstyle three bedroom weatherboard cottage.
Residential Tenancy Agreement	Renewal of lease to Hank Shollenberger for 1 Old Sackville Road, Wilberforce for a fixed term of six months at $145.00 per week rental. The premises comprise a three bedroom brick home with garage.
Retail lease	Renewal of lease to Mrs Betty Ezzy and Mrs Gloria Kirkby for the Windsor Rest Centre and Coffee Shop, Fitzgerald Street, Windsor. The lease shall be for a term of three years, with no option, at $1,813.30 per calender month for the first year and annual reviews in accordance with the CPI for Sydney.

Assignment of Retail Lease	From Mrs Phillippa Fogg to Mrs Elizabeth and Ms Kirsty Gilham, for Shop 1a McGraths Hill Shopping Centre as a hairdressing salon. The existing lease to be assigned expires on 18 January 1999 with an option for a further term of three years. The current monthly rental is $432.55 including contribution to outgoings and shall be reviewed annually in accordance with the CPI for Sydney.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council Seal be affixed to the abovementioned documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NBX.C04 ****** END OF ITEM 234 ******

ITEM: 235 SEWERAGE FUND MANAGEMENT PLAN

FILE NUMBER: GM001/002 PT03/FNC

REPORT:

The 1996/97 Management Plan for the Sewerage Fund is submitted for Council's consideration to enable the advertising in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993. The Management Plan previously approved by Council, whilst detailing the proposed expenditure, did not specify the Revenue Pricing Structure. Detailed rating information was being obtained from Sydney Water at the time of preparation of the Estimates that was not able to be achieved prior to that time. In addition, the legal status for Council to manage, operate and raise revenue for the costs from the ratepayers had to be defined. Counsel's advice has re-affirmed Council's power to manage the Sewerage Fund as previously.

The Management Plan has to be advertised for a 28 (twenty eight) day period following which any submissions will be reported to Council for the adoption of the plan. It is proposed that the setting of the Annual Charge will be submitted to Council at the Ordinary Meeting on 9th July, 1996.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 1996/97 Management Plan/Sewerage Fund and Estimates be advertised.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Management Plan/Sewerage Fund.

FN:OR611NBX.F17 ****** END OF ITEM 235 ******

ITEM: 236 ACQUISITION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT - No 25 NORTH STREET, WINDSOR

FILE NUMBER: P1409/50 PT1, L1409.50/ENG

REPORT:

A proposal to drain residential land bounded by George and North Streets (total catchment area approximately 3.2ha) and discharging to the floodplain via Arndell and Palmer Streets, has been in existence for some time following local flooding which had affected properties within the catchment. An easement plan has been prepared for the nine properties affected by the works with all property owners supporting the proposal, with one exception.

The owners of No 25 North Street (Pt. Lot 201, DP593790) Mr. R.S. & Mrs D.M. Bourke have not given permission to enter their property to carry out the works. All efforts to deal with Mr. Bourke over a long period of time on the issue of stormwater drainage works through the property have been unsuccessful. Mr. Bourke's response to correspondence handed to him on 19 February, 1996, again seeking permission to enter the property to carry out drainage work and to allay his concerns about undertaking work within the North Street conservation area, was an unsubstantiated claim for damage to his property, allegedly caused by stormwater flow due to a lack of formal drainage. It is apparent that at this time, further negotiations would be unlikely to produce a resolution.

In order that the project proceed, it is proposed to compulsorily acquire an easement for drainage over No 25 North Street under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, an easement of variable width (3.0 metres and 4.0 metres) [three point nought and four point nought] for drainage purposes over No 25 North Street, Windsor being Lot 201 in DP593790, be acquired by compulsory acquisition.

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NBX.E01 ****** END OF ITEM 236 ******

ITEM: 237 COMPOSTING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

FILE NUMBER: DCP0002/96/EVD

REPORT:

At Council's meeting on 9 April 1996, it was resolved to put on exhibition the Draft Development Control Plan (DDCP) for Composting Facilities. The DDCP was consequently placed on public exhibition for 28 (twenty eight) days from the 9 May 1996 until 6 June 1996. During that period submissions were received from:-

i) Australian Mushroom Growers Association
ii) Elf Farm Supplies Pty Ltd (Tolson)
iii) Graham Price Pty Ltd

These submissions supported the DCP as exhibited.

A number of inconsequential amendments have been made to the DCP which is now put up for adoption. These are either grammatical amendments, a format change to improve presentation, and additions to information to be submitted with any DA. Given these are only minor changes, and no significant additions are proposed to the performance criteria (guidelines) set out in the original document, re-exhibition is not considered necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to adopt the Development Control Plan for Composting Facilities as set out in the attachment to this report.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Development Control Plan for Composting Facilities (separately circulated).

FN:OR611NBX.V08 ****** END OF ITEM 237 ******

ITEM: 238 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN FOR COMPOSTING FACILITIES

FILE NUMBER: GA025/001 PT04/EVD

REPORT:

Council at its meeting of the 9 April 1996, endorsed a report titled "Composting in the Hawkesbury - Guidelines for Composting Operations - Strategic Directions". Apart from dealing with the DCP detailed in the previous item to this report (DCP for Composting Facilities), the report also detailed a strategic directions statement.

Stage 1 of this process involves Council demonstrating its commitment to the maintenance of the mushroom industry within this local government area. This involved two parts; firstly Council adopting the DCP, and secondly examining approaches to amending its LEP to enable composting facilities to locate in suitable locations within the City.

In order to address the LEP issue, a meeting was held comprising representatives of DUAP, EPA, NSW Agriculture and the AMGA, as recommended by the strategic directions statement. To address LEP options, a discussion paper was prepared addressing the advantages and disadvantages of each option (see Attachment 1). The options included:-

(i) A new "Rural Composting Zone"
(ii) Amending the LEP on a site by site basis to enable the use;
(iii) Amendment to the landuse table of relevant rural zones to enable the activity; and
(iv) A new enabling clause allowing the activity in suitable locations subject to certain considerations.

The Committee unanimously agreed to use option (iv). The proposed amendment is detailed in Attachment 1.

In order for Council to meet its commitment to maintain the mushroom industry in this area, and in order to compliment the DCP addressed in the previous report, it is appropriate for Council to now amend its LEP as detailed in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to prepare a Draft Local Environmental Plan to enable composting facilities with consent in the City of Hawkesbury.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989

FN:OR611NBX.V09 ****** END OF ITEM 238 ******

ITEM: 239 POLICY - RURAL SUBDIVISIONS OF EXISTING NON RESIDENTIAL USES ON AN ALLOTMENT

FILE NUMBER: GT190/001/EVD

REPORT:

Council at its meeting on 9 April 1996 resolved, "that second dwellings on rural land not constitute grounds for subdivision under State Environmental Planning Policy No 1". A number of applications have been submitted or foreshadowed that seek to locate existing non residential uses in rural areas on separate lots without complying with minimum lot areas for the zone.

Background

A few applications have been approved in the past under SEPP1 which have separated non residential uses from residences eg subdivisions to separate service stations, hardware stores and the like from existing houses.

Applications are currently submitted which seek to separate a veterinary clinic from a house and a school to create a vacant lot neither of which conform to the minimum lot areas for the zone. Applications have been foreshadowed to separate another veterinary clinic and a restaurant.

HLEP 1989 provides for a very broad range of non residential uses in rural zones including mechanical repairs and the like many of which involve the erection of separate sheds which could be argued as justification for subdivision using SEPP1.

There are also a number of non conforming existing uses such as service stations, and light industries.

The use of SEPP1 to allow these subdivisions to be carried out probably has a greater potential to increase subdivision in rural lands than the existence of 2 dwellings. It is pointed out however that to date a limited number of precedents exist.

The use of SEPP1 in these cases would serve to create a loophole in planning. A non residential use could be erected in a rural area and then the land subdivided. This would result in a significant precedent that would only serve to fragment rural land.

It is considered that subdivision under SEPP1 to separate non residential uses is very similar to subdivision based or second dwellings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That non residential uses on rural lands not constitute grounds for subdivision under State Environmental Planning Policy No 1. This to apply regardless of whether a dwelling also exists on the lot or not.

This resolution covers all future applications and those already submitted but not yet determined.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NBX.V12 ****** END OF ITEM 239 ******

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Section 5

Reports for Information

ITEM: 240 REPORTS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL - STATUS AS AT 11 JUNE 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
7 Nov 95	Our City Our Future DED	Work currently being undertaken by HNCMT to determine effects of agriculture on Hawkesbury River.	Report June GPC
13 Feb 96	DLEP DED	Further report on extension of adjoining areas from Fernadell Orchard to Cleary's Property in Hall Street.	Report June GPC
12 Mar 96	Richmond Pool DCS&CS	Redevelopment of pool site.	Report June GPC
7 May 96	Tree Planting DAS&R	Types of trees to be planted along roadsides.	Report June GPC

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NCX.G07 ****** END OF ITEM 240 ******

ITEM: 241 HAWKESBURY SPORTS COUNCIL INC - TENDERS FOR MOWING CONTRACT

FILE NUMBER: GR030/030 PT04/FNC

REPORT:

The Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc., called for tenders for a contract to mow the active recreation areas for which they have the care, control and management. The tenders closed on Friday, 31st May, 1996, and provided for three options to commence from 1st July, 1996. The options are as follows:-

Option 1 - All active recreation areas
Option 2 - All active recreation areas, exclusive of Richmond Ex-Servicemens Sporting Complex, Bensons Lane
Option 3 - Richmond Ex-Servicemens Sporting Complex, Bensons Lane

The tenders received are as follows:-

Tenderer	**Option 1**	**Option 2**	**Option 3**
Greenbelt Lawn & Garden Maintenance			13,680
Naturelink Environmental Services			49,000
Alex Calleia			51,509
Avifend Industries	78,850		
Tony Brown Pty Ltd	86,510	70,660	15,850
Scoobe Lawn Care			90,000
James Enterprises	108,876		
"That's One" Property Maintenance	110,656	94,696	28,880
G.D. & S.D. Hodgen	129,695	99,816	31,351
LGO Property Maintenance			134,520
Jeff Martin Property Maintenance	137,794		
Cleetondale-Lawn	144,172	106,932	41,230
Pete's Lawn & Garden Service	146,452		
Fords Lawn Service Pty Ltd		147,250	53,300
JRB Lawn Care	161,690		
McCallum Landscape Management	161,880		
Jim's Mowing	171,000		
Garden Traditions	174,420	134,520	58,330
Adbalderick Services	177,150	136,800	43,350
Gray's Grass Grooming	180,880	123,120	57,760
Lawns Loved Gardens Groomed: Complete Lawn & Garden Service			197,600
Pendrell Pty Ltd	203,200		
Rutlama Pty Ltd			217,360
Pro-Mow Property Maintenance	247,760	179,360	68,400
Asset Services	335,312		

The Sports Council are assessing each of the tenders and interviewing the tenderers from a short list. At the time of the preparation of the Business Paper, that assessment process had not been completed, and will be submitted to Council as a late item to the Ordinary Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NCX.F18 ****** END OF ITEM 241 ******

ITEM: 242 PROPOSED WASTE DISPOSAL LEVY INCREASE

FILE NUMBER: GW010/023 PT05/EVD

REPORT:

Councils were recently put on notice via the weekly circular system that the Waste Minimisation and Management Act includes the establishment of a Waste Planning and Management Fund under Section 72. This will be funded by a levy on waste disposal facilities operated by councils, Regional Waste Boards, the Waste Service and private companies.

The levy paid by operators/owners of waste facilities will be gradually introduced on a state wide basis, but for the present will only be applied to licensed facilities in the Sydney, Hunter and Illawarra regions.

The amount of the levy and the extent of the levy "catchment" will be specified in the regulations accompanying the Act. These regulations will be released for public consultation in a few months time, but the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has provided an indication of the approximate level of the levy to be set at $10.00 per tonne for councils in the Sydney Region (presently $7.20 per tonne) and $4.00 per tonne in the Hunter and Illawarra regions (presently no levy). The new levies will apply from the date of finalisation of the regulation (probably early September 1996).

Unfortunately this information has come too late for many councils including our own who have already advertised their budgets for the 1996/1997 period.

For this Council alone, the change in the levy will cost approximately $50,000.00 extra in the levy paid to the EPA this coming financial year which is an increase of around 38%.

It is worth noting that the State Government budget released in May this year already relies on waste levies of this proposed magnitude being collected, and that the increased levy represents a 51% increase in revenue from waste levies for the government from $18.5m to $28m.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NCX.V10 ****** END OF ITEM 242 ******

ITEM: 243 BLIGH PARK NORTH

FILE NUMBER: LEP016/93PT03/EVD

REPORT:

The Department of Urban Affairs and Planning has verbally advised that the Minister, the Hon Craig Knowles, MP, has rejected the residential rezoning of the land.

At the date of writing this letter formal notification and the reasons for the Minister's decision had not been provided.

Upon receipt of formal notification, it is proposed to convene a meeting with all affected landowners to discuss any alternative strategies for the development of the land. Given the Minister's decision it would be advantageous to act on possible alternatives as quickly as possible.

The affected property owners have been advised of the above.

RECOMMENDATION:

The information concerning the Minister's decision on Bligh Park North be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NCX.V11 ****** END OF ITEM 243 ******

ITEM: 244 DRAFT GREEN WASTE ACTION PLAN

FILE NUMBER: GW010/030 PT01/EVD

REPORT:

Green waste (comprising garden, food and wood waste) is a dominant component of the solid waste stream, and the achievement of the Government's 60% waste reduction target will rely to a large extent on the ability to divert this component from landfills.

The Government proposes to ban garden waste to landfill from 1 January 1998, subject to an evaluation by the State Waste Advisory Council confirming to the Minister for the Environment that the garden waste diverted from landfills may be productively used by the reprocessing industry and/or households.

The draft action plan presents a comprehensive program of steps to divert green waste from landfill. It also provides a brief overview of the challenges faced in diverting green waste and an overview of the roles.

Of the challenges, the most obvious would be finding the markets for consumption of the recycled product, and maintaining a reliable return from the product to compensate for the cost of the recycling process.

The draft plan is based on an extensive review of Australian and international literature on green waste policies, practices and technologies and preliminary consultation with NSW industry and local government.

Hawkesbury City Council as a member of the Local Government Recycling Cooperative Ltd is party to a submission on the draft plan which raises a number of issues to be considered. The following is a summary of the submission:-

(a) The REDUCTION of green waste and potential uses of green "organics" other than compost are overlooked.

(b) The draft plan defines the components of green waste into:- garden waste, wood waste and food waste from three sources; domestic, commercial and industrial. Doubts are raised about the inclusion of food stuffs in green waste at the outset, before a marketing study, as it may prejudice the outcomes of such a study.

(c) Marketing is not mentioned as a category in the "actions". It is seen as imperative that a marketing study be undertaken to work out end uses of the products to determine how and in what form it is to be produced and sold. This should be carried out before setting up collection and processing methods and infrastructure.

(d) *Concerns are raised about the setting of standards for various unknown uses and methods of processing. The setting of standards without knowing final uses or methods of processing could actually prevent a process or increase the cost of processing thereby making potential markets unviable.*

(e) *It is believed it would be more effective to couch actions in more productive terms wherever possible to make people, industry etc want to do things rather than be specific and prescriptive.*

(f) *The terms "waste" should be eliminated. We are talking about developing a reusable resource and the term "waste" is totally negative in this respect. The term green "organics" should be used whenever talking about materials that are to be recovered for processing for other uses.*

A copy of the draft Green Waste Action Plan is held on our files and available for perusal upon request.

A number of Councils in the metropolitan area have implemented green waste collection services, specifically kerb side pick ups of tree prunings and other green waste on a fortnightly or monthly basis. Recently a number of Councils have commenced investigation of the feasibility of composting green waste.

In 1995 Council commenced chipping green waste received at the South Windsor Waste Depot. To ensure that the mulch is removed it has been found necessary to give it away with a quantity limit per customer.

With the tremendous escalation in waste disposal costs there should be some caution in seeking out additional sources of waste (as in a green waste collection service). As stated by the Local Government Recycling Co-operative it will also be important to develop markets for green "organics" and the evidence to date is that this does not occur immediately.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NCX.V13 ****** END OF ITEM 244 ******

ITEM: 245 MORATORIUM ON LICENSES TO EXTRACT WATER - IMPACT ON AGRICULTURE - POSITION OF THE HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST

FILE NUMBER: GE020/012PT02/EVD

REPORT:

At Council's meeting on 7 May 1996 it was resolved that the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust, the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning and the Department of Agriculture be requested to provide support for a review of the moratorium so as to facilitate commercial agriculture.

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust has now replied to Council's letter and advises that it does not believe that the moratorium is inequitable.

The text of the letter from the Trust is as follows:

> *"...As you would be aware in 1995 the Trust requested the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) (then Department of Water Resources) to undertake its statutory responsibilities with respect to water resource management in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment. Years of unco-ordinated water management had contributed to the environmental issues in the catchment. There is a real potential for existing water user's rights to be undermined by the cumulative impact of additional water extraction. These were the key grounds for the Trust's position.*
>
> *Since the Minister for Land and Water Conservation announced the water management package (June, 1995) the Trust has attempted to assist DLWC come to an early resolution of the issues. The Trust has not been satisfied with the rate of resolution of the issues and has, even over the past weeks, taken action to ensure that the community is kept informed on progress.*
>
> *The Trust recognises that the Water Act 1912 is the appropriate instrument for water management, but also that any restrictions on new businesses must be coupled with a mechanism for new applicants to gain access to water. The Trust was therefore pleased to see recently that DLWC will resolve the transfer of a water rights proposal within the next few weeks. They have also undertaken to include irrigation dams, an initiative not taken elsewhere in the State. The resolution of this issue will ensure that there are mechanisms for new industries, such as the market gardeners, to gain access to water rights.*
>
> *The Trust would also like to point out to council that the management of water affects all users. Part of the government's initiative also requires Sydney Water to enter into an agreement with DLWC. It also affects other large users if they wish to upgrade their existing licence (Penrith Lakes has a high flow licence, but as yet is not extracting water to fill the lakes). This process must also ensure that existing rights of all irrigators, ie those that had legitimate access to water before the moratorium, are protected.*

The Trust therefore does not believe the water management initiative is inequitable. The Trust will continue to work with council, the community and DLWC to ensure the issues are resolved quickly and equitably..."

Council is yet to receive advice from the Department of Land and Water Conservation that it will resolve the transfer of water rights issue for dams. There has been a suggestion that the moratorium may not apply to irrigation from dams but this has yet to be resolved.

Notwithstanding the Trust's advice, any policy which allows domestic dams up to seven megalitres and prohibits dams for commercial agriculture of any volume is inconsistent and inequitable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information concerning the advice from the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust on the moratorium on new licences to extract water be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

FN:OR611NCX.V16 ****** END OF ITEM 245 ******

ORDINARY

Section 6

Reports of Committees

Hawkesbury Art Collection Ordinary Meeting - 2 May 1996

Minutes of the Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection Ordinary Meeting 2 May 1996, Council Chambers, Windsor

PRESENT: Clr R Stubbs (Chair), Ms P Charlton,, Ms E Colquhoun, Mr B Jones, Mr G Hansell, Ms M Rea, Mr S Neave, Ms C Luland, Mr T. Thorpe.

APOLOGIES: Ms R Aldrich, Ms Y West, Ms L Wood, Mr A Aldrich, Ms J Brownlie
Resolved on the motion of: S. Neave
Seconded: E. Colquhoun that the apologies be accepted.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Resolved on the motion of: E. Colquhoun Seconded: G. Hansell that the previous minutes be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. **Bridges & Byways -** Treasurer's Report**:**
Income
$4830.00 (sales)
$1207.50 (commissions)
$435.00 (entry fees)
$111.50 (catalogues)
TOTAL: $1754.00
Expenditure $599.55
BALANCE: $1154.45

2. **The Windsor Group (book)**. Ms Colquhoun reported that two quotes have been received: $5.50 from DLT of Alexandria, and $4.00 from Moorcroft Printing of North Richmond. This is for 145 copies, to be bound using "Perfect" binding.

Further Action. **Resolved on the motion of E. Colquhoun, seconded Ms Charlton that Ms Colquhoun place an order with Moorcroft, and advise the committee of appropriate means to indicate that this edition differs from the original, possibly by inserting a slip of paper which Ms Charlton could do on the computer.**

3. **Ken Done raffle**. Ms Charlton reported that 43 tickets were sold at the Show, by Ms Colquhoun and Mr Neave. 283 tickets in all have been sold ($566 worth) with 270 still with members. Ms West and Mr Neave lead the field, having sold fifty and forty respectively (not counting Mr Neave's effort at the Show). **Ms Charlton reminded those present that the draw is to take place at Toxana on 24 May, before the next meeting, and asked members to return all butts and unsold tickets by Monday 20 May.** Ms Charlton passed on an invitation from Council PR to sell tickets at the opening of Macquarie Park improvements and the Oasis centre, but there were no takers. **Ms Colquhoun undertook to liaise with Ms West about the arrangements for the drawing.** It was reported that MTAS have requested that no tickets be sold on the night.

4. Sponsorship Proposal. Ms Charlton reported that she had been in touch with Pat Hopkins Marketing Consultants, and told Michelle Reid of that company that the Committee members were uneasy about having another exhibition so soon after Bridges & Byways, with so little time to get organised. Ms Reid said that they were having similar thoughts. Ms Charlton assured Ms Reid that the Friends would happily assist if anything else should come up. There has been no further contact.

5. Streeton Centenary Celebrations. Mr Jones reported that he has obtained a number of slides from the National Gallery to be shown on the evening of 5 October, after the unveiling of the sign at Terrace Park. Mr Jones has also forged a link with the NSW Art Gallery Society, who have have been very helpful. Ms Charlton reported that the NSW Art Gallery has agreed to donate two tickets to the Gala Opening on 10 September, as well as a catalogue, to be raffled on the night of the 5th. The Society magazine “Look” is also interested in receiving information about our celebrations, as is Country Style magazine. It was agreed that the Committee room, Chambers and foyer of Council be the venue for the evening function.

Further Action: Mr Jones undertook to acquire more slides. Ms Charlton undertook to speak to Ms Wood about the guest speaker, and to provide copy to Look and Country Style magazines. Mr Thorpe undertook to ask Camera Club members to take photographs of the Streeton sites as they are today.

6. Fitzgerald Street Creative Arts Centre. Mr Thorpe reported that a meeting was held to elect a gallery committee comprising eight persons and representing various community cultural groups, and that a further meeting will be held on 10 May.

7. Membership. Ms Charlton reported that reminders have been sent (see above). Ms Colquoun reported the following resignations: Ms R Lamotte, Ms C Giudice, Ms G Walsh, Mr M Redpath and the Nomad Quilters. Ms Charlton reported that Life Member Certificates have been printed and are ready to send. **It was noted that the Patchworkers have not been represented at the last three meetings. It was reported that the following have applied/applied and been approved to join as ordinary members: Rob Sledge, Lorna Allan, Laurie Wood, Lyn & Dennis Andrews and Dr Lawrence and Joan Smith. It was reported that Joyce Edwards and Gloria Galvin have applied for Life Membership.**

Further Action: It was agreed that something be put into the newsletter to assist members to make a greater contribution.

8. **Historic Engravings.** Mr Hansell reported a copy of the Wilberforce Lycett is on its way from South Australia, via Nigel Tully, who will appraise.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Reminders sent to members who have yet to pay subs for 96: Mr Terry Hayes, Ms Lyn Mitchell, Mr & Mrs Pilditch, Ms Kerr and Ms Irene Alexander.
2. Reply sent to Mrs Keegan, Friends Art Group, Eastwood, re an In The Steps Of The Masters Tour for October.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Ms J. Astley, Council's Public Relations Officer, thanking the Friends for their contribution to the prize-winning display at the Show.
2. Roger Booth of the National Galley of Australia, enclosed with the aforementioned Streeton slides and asking for copyright declaration and payment of $40.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

DONATIONS: $$95.34
WORKING A/C:$1287.13

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. World Environment Day. Ms Charlton reported that Council staff have advised that there will be a community event on Sunday 2 June in Macquarie Park. Artists are invited to set up stalls to sell their work if related to the environment theme; a small fee would be charged (around $5.00). **It was agreed that the Friends contribution be cancelled due to lack of interest.**

2. Second Annual Auction and Xmas Party. Ms Charlton reported that Clr Sahasrabuddhe has offered to address the Committee on the subject of fundraising auctions, having participated in one which raised $25,000.00.

Further Action: **It was agreed that Ms Charlton issue an invitation to Clr Sahasrabuddhe to address the Committee for the first twenty minutes of the next meeting.**

3. Mr Jones reported that he conducted an **In the Steps Of** tour for the Nepean Art Society, with a profit of forty dollars to be returned to the Committee. The Committee congratulated Mr Jones on his efforts.

4. Hawkesbury Cultural Committee. Mr Hansell reported that a cultural festival is being organised for the two weeks leading up to the Wine, Food & Music Affair. It was agreed that the Friends contribution will be to host a watercolour workshop with renowned watercolourist, Helen Goldsmith, said workshop to be held in old St Monica's church, if available, at a cost of $75 per student, including a gourmet lunch, BYO materials.

Further action: Ms Charlton undertook to invite Helen Goldsmith to conduct a watercolour w workshop on Sunday 13 October, offering a fee of $300 - $350. Ms Charlton undertook to apply to St Monica's for the use of the venue, and to apply to the Cultural Committee for a donation of the cost of venue hire.

5. Need for Collection maintenance. Ms Colquhoun commented on the need for advice and repairs to some of the paintings in the collection.

Further Action: It was agreed that Gay Hendrikson, conservator, of Penrith TAFE, be asked to advise on what action should be taken. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for Council to meet the expense of the appraisal.

6. What Collection? Mr Neave reported that enquiries have been received about the collection, what it comprises and where it currently resides. The option of hiring out pictures in order to raise awareness and funds was dismissed.

Further Action: It was agreed that an exhibition be mounted in 1997, possibly with the cooperation of main street shop-owners.

7. Newsletter. Clr Stubbs congratulated Ms Colquhoun and Ms Charlton on their efforts to produce a newsletter. Ms Charlton thanked the Chairman, and invited members to contribute.

Further Action: Members to contribute what they can to the newsletter.

8. NEXT MEETING Thursday 6 June at 7.30pm, Council Chambers, Windsor.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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

Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board - 3 May 1996

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board held at the Radisson Rum Corps, Windsor, on Friday 3 May 1996 commencing at 8am.

PRESENT: Councillor R Calvert - Chairperson, Councillor L Allan, Mr C Hanna, Mr R Tolson, Mr P Rasmussen, Mr B Lindsay, Ms A Chandler-Joyce, Mr B Keegan, Ms J Davis, Mr R Miller, Mr G McCully, Mr M Coulter, Mr C Dalli.

APOLOGIES: Group Captain Smith, Mr D Shaddick, Mr B Carroll.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 12 April 1996 were confirmed, with it placed on record the need for the Board to establish further contacts at the highest levels of State and Commonwealth Governments.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 1 - Chairman's Report

The information in the report from the Chairman outlining the achievements of the Board to date and the purpose of the Special Meeting was received and noted.

Item 2 - State of the Environment and Position Statement

Considerable discussion took place in regard to this report which suggested the Board take a more localised focus and supported the retention of the existing Advisory Committee structure for the Board. It was resolved that the Board focus itself on issues of local economic and employment significance with regional issues being referred to the North Western Sydney Regional Development Organisation. Further, that the existing Advisory Committees continue to operate within the Board's structure and be required to meet regularly to address issues and develop projects requiring specific expertise and input. In this regard, the Local Business Development Advisory Committee is to be strengthened and approaches made to all the Chambers of Commerce operating in the area, with a view to each having representation on the Advisory Committee.

It is noted that Mr J Todd, Executive Officer of the Hawkesbury and Penrith Business Enterprise Centre has accepted an invitation to join the Local Business Development Advisory Committee.

Item 3 - Review of Mission Statement and Objectives of the Board

Consistent with the approach to redirect the Board's focus to more localised issues, the word region has been omitted from the Mission Statement and replaced with Hawkesbury Valley. The only other change was to acknowledge the encouragement of manufacturing industries in the strategies of the Board and as a result of these amendments, the Mission Statement, Aims and Objectives and Strategies of the Board are reproduced as follows:-

Mission Statement

To encourage and develop the sustainable economic and employment capacity of the Hawkesbury Valley in an environmentally sensitive manner.

Aims and Objectives

- *capitalise on existing strengths within the local economy;*
- *seek to develop clusters of activities to obtain the benefits of economic synergy;*
- *create jobs which suit the skills of the existing workforce;*
- *create a diverse economic employment base;*
- *foster the growth of existing businesses as a first priority, whilst encouraging the relocation of businesses to the area;*
- *to identify impediments to business development and to facilitate a process of overcoming barriers;*
- *recognise that local economic development is multi-faceted and involves human resource development, creation of an appropriate business environment and the development of infrastructure to assist economic development;*
- *recognise that local economic development involves a coalition of public institutions, private companies and residents living in an area and that the quality of this coalition will have a substantial bearing on the eventual outcome;*

Strategies

- *develop a mechanism to monitor the performance of the local economy and to disseminate information to both potential investors and existing businesses in the Hawkesbury;*
- *develop a cluster of industries, institutions and activities allied to agricultural/horticultural production;*
- *promoting the joint use of Richmond air base and fostering the growth of defence related industries;*
- *encouraging the enhancement of tourism, manufacturing industries and retail industries;*
- *encouraging the expansion of the area's small business sector;*
- *establish a sub-committee/advisory committee structure to reflect and capitalise on the strengths of the local economy;*
- *develop planning policy; and*

- *promote the Hawkesbury as a desirable place to reside, to do business, to seek further education and training and for agricultural/horticultural production.*

Item 4 - Strategies Status Report

The Strategies Status Report outlined the current status of the strategies recommended in the Hawkesbury City Economic and Employment Development Study and adopted by the Board.

The information in the report was received and noted, with a number of new strategies suggested. Following the review of the Strategies Status Report, the updated list of strategies for the respective Advisory Committees for the next 2 years is as follows:-

Agriculture/Horticultural Development

The primary responsibilities of this working group over the next two years should be as follows:-

* conduct an Agriculture Summit involving Council and key industry representatives to discuss the future of Agriculture and Horticulture within the Hawkesbury Valley;

* to obtain Commonwealth or State funding for the undertaking of specific research in relation to the potential of the Hawkesbury area to expand further into export agricultural and horticultural production;

* to signal and pursue Hawkesbury's interest in becoming a nominated centre for an "agri technology" cluster particularly in relation to the production of fruit, vegetables and horticultural products;

* to undertake an audit of agricultural and horticultural producers and processors within the Hawkesbury area to develop a comprehensive understanding of the capabilities of the sector;

* to identify constraints (physical, economic and social) facing producers in these sectors in the Hawkesbury at present;

* to identify and communicate, to promote with other major players in the agri business sector in the Sydney Region and appraise them of Hawkesbury's plans to develop over the long-term an agri business cluster of industries in the region;

* to obtain the backing of the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board and State and Federal Governments for this initiative;

* to research specific technical and financial assistance which is available through State and Federal governments to enhance the agricultural/horticultural sector in Hawkesbury; and

* approach the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Council and request them to undertake an audit on water available to the area being wasted;

* to seek Council initiatives and assistance in promoting the Hawkesbury region.

A major task of the Committee as identified by the Board is to undertake the Agriculture/Horticulture Industry Study. Representation on this Committee includes the Board's Agriculture/Horticulture Industry representative, UWS - Hawkesbury Faculty of Agriculture/Horticulture, Mushroom Growers Association, NSW Agriculture, NSW Department of Planning, Richmond TAFE, Nursery Industry, Dairy Industry, Turf Industry and Farmers Federation Local Branch. The Committee also meets in conjunction with the NSWRDO Agriculture/Horticulture Task Force.

Major Projects and Infrastructure

The major actions of the major projects/infrastructure working group over the next two years should be as follows:

* identify major infrastructure deficiencies in the region, particularly Windsor Road.
  In regard to Windsor Road, the Board is to support the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board on this issue;

* promote planning objectives within Council;

* to liaise with Commonwealth authorities regarding the potential joint use of Richmond air base;

* to liaise with commuter airlines to determine their level of interest in the joint use of the Richmond air base;

* establishing an inventory of existing defence industries existing in the Sydney Region in particular and New South Wales in general;

* liaise with defence industry authorities to obtain an up-to-date understanding of potential defence industry requirements over the next five to ten years; and

* exploring with major defence industries their level of interest in Hawkesbury and the precondition for establishing a presence in the City.

* to research and identify possible additional aviation related spin-off businesses which could be attracted to Hawkesbury on the basis of expanded joint use of the Richmond air base;

* to establish a monitoring program (to be developed and maintained by Council) designed to assess the adequacy of the supply of industrial land, residential and rural-residential land within the City; and

* to provide whatever support is necessary to achieve the early development of major retail and tourism-based projects within the region.

Representation should include the Board's Local Business, Tourism and RAAF representatives, Windsor Farm Foods, Rural Press, Memtec, D & R Hendersons, Department of Planning, Hawker De Havilland and specific experts as specialised projects warrant.

Local Business Development

The working party should pursue the following tasks over the next two years:

* establish a data base of businesses located in the Hawkesbury Valley;

* to identify and benchmark the range and quality of services available to local small business at present;

* to promote tendering opportunities to businesses in the local area;

* to identify by means of survey or consultation the precise training and support needs for existing small business in the region and to liaise with Richmond TAFE in regard to undertaking the Aussie Host program.

* to liaise with State authorities to expand the number and quality of small business training services available within Hawkesbury;

* to identify either through surveys or through liaison with representatives of the small business sector in Hawkesbury what the impediments are to establishing or expanding small business enterprises in the region;

* to prepare a "Making It Happen in Hawkesbury" pack which would provide information and assistance to those wishing to establish small businesses in Hawkesbury;

* to support the establishment of a business enterprise centre (BEC) in Hawkesbury provided it has clear goals of assisting the development of local business; and

* to investigate the development of a marketing program which would concentrate on encouraging small businesses to relocate to Hawkesbury given the area's long-term business and lifestyle advantages.

Representation on this group includes the Board's Chamber of Commerce, UWS-Hawkesbury and local business representatives, Hawkesbury Business Enterprise Centre, Richmond TAFE and representatives of the City's other Chambers of Commerce, and Windsor Economic Development Committee and Tourism Hawkesbury. Other representatives include an Accountant, Solicitor, Hawkesbury Gazette and various small business operators.

Tourism and Hospitality

The proposed Tourism and Hospitality Working Party should concentrate in the short-term on the following:

* implementation of strategies outlined in the Hawkesbury Local Tourism Plan and the relevant aspects of the Regional Tourism Plan;

* encourage and facilitate the development of man-made tourist attractions in the area. Projects suggested or under consideration include a flora/fauna park, aeronautical museum and the "Bunker" project.

* the development of a clear tourism market image for the Hawkesbury;

* identify Sydney 2000 Olympics related opportunities for the tourism and hospitality markets; and

* Council to develop in consultation with tourism interests, a Bed and Breakfast Policy and to liaise with insurance companies to develop an insurance package for this industry.

Representatives/organisations on this group include the Board's Tourism representative, Tourism Hawkesbury, Radisson Rum Corps Resort, Riverside Oaks, National Parks and Wildlife Service, University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury and Macquarie Arms Hotel.

The committee meets in conjunction with Tourism Hawkesbury.

In respect of the report, the information was received and noted and it was specifically resolved to acknowledge that the Board actively supports the development of commuter airline access to the area as a key economic infrastructure for the Hawkesbury Valley and Region.

<u>Item 5 - Prioritisation of Projects and Strategies</u>

The Board gave consideration to the priority of strategies and projects for the next 12 months, and subsequently categorised same in high, medium and low priority levels. The full list of priorities, including timeframes and persons responsible for the projects is attached:-

PROJECTS AND STRATEGIES - PRIORITY LISTING						
	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
Completion Date	Responsible Person(s)	Project	Responsible Person(s)	Project	Responsible Person(s)	Project
8/96	PR, BL	National Defence Headquarters	PR	GWSEDB-Windsor Road	CD	Customer Service/TQM Programs
6/96	GM, JD	Agriculture Summit		Olympics (action)	CD, BL, CH	Marketing/ Promotion
6/96	RT, JD	Water (licences)	BEC, CD, RJ	Business Database	CD	Industry Clusters
7/06	RC, PR, GM	RAAF Base - Commuter Use	GM	Water Re-use-Blue Mountains Scheme	CD	Business Relocation Strategy
TBA	CD	Windsor Road Upgrade	Local Bus Group, CD, BEC	Small Business Forum	LA	Tourism/ Retail Enhancement
12/96	CD	(Planning) Olympics			LA	Buy Local Campaign
6/96	GM	Bed & Breakfast Policy				
5/96	CD, BL	Nomination of Paul Rasmussen on GWSEDB by HLEDB + NWSRDO	Report on Progress September 1996		Report on Progress December 1996	
5/96	GM	Report from Council ie McGraths Hill & George Street Traffic Problems				

KEY

CD - Craig Dalli; GM - Garry McCully; BL - Brian Lindsay; PR - Paul Rasmussen; RT- Rob Tolson; MC - Michael Coulter; RJ - Ross Jones; CH - Charles Hanna;
JD - Jan Davis; ACJ - Andrea Chandler-Joyce; BEC - Business Enterprise Centre

Recommendation:

That the attached schedule be adopted as the priority of projects to be undertaken by the Hawkesbury Local Economic Development Board and its Advisory Committees over the next 12 months.

The meeting terminated at 12.30pm and the next meeting will be on Friday 7 June 1996 at the Committee Rooms of the Council Offices in George Street, Windsor.

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

Tourism Hawkesbury Inc - 16 May 1996

Minutes of the Tourism Hawkesbury Board Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 1996 in the Offices of Tourism Hawkesbury, Ham Common Bicentennial Park, Clarendon.

PRESENT : G McCully, P Auld, C Wells, R Miller, P Rasmussen, G Riley, D Crust, R Searle and C Vietch.

APOLOGIES : L Allan and A Hendrikson

Meeting commenced at 6.45pm.

1. Business Arising Out of the Previous Meeting

Changes to the Constitution on Pages 3 and 4 to make gender friendly.

2. Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Geoff Riley seconded by Paul Rasmussen that Carole Clayton be acknowledged for her contribution to Tourism Hawkesbury and receive an increase in her hourly rate from $15 (fifteen) to $18 (eighteen) per hour immediately. It was decided that Carole's position would replace the Accountant, but we would maintain the position of the Auditor, Mr Harry Khouri. Carried.

Two (2) outstanding long term debts were tabled to be written off -

1. JTA Oceania Pty Ltd Tour Ite 3 x 21A Oeyama Seinenbu 1/2 day farm tour and lunch $530 dated 24.11.93.

2. JTA Oceania Pty Ltd IS x 4112 CTC Ichiyan Yakuin 1/2 day farm tour $300.

Total to be written off - $830.

Moved by Geoff Riley seconded by Peter Auld. Carried.

3. Staffing of Tourism Office and Operations in General

Internal changes have been made with the position of full time Administrative Assistant/Tourism Officer (previously filled on a casual basis) be changed to a permanent part time position. Numerous interviews were done over a period of one week and the successful applicant was in fact our Saturday casual, Mrs Terry Currie.

Moved by Peter Auld seconded by Paul Rasmussen.

The Ambassador Program

Peter Auld presented to the Board a brief refresher on the Ambassador Program. Ron Searle expressed an interest in this Program and offered his assistance with the training component.

David Crust said that he would look into the National Parks Volunteer Program and assist Ron Searle with training of the Ambassadors.

Our guest for the evening from Kurrajong Village, Mr Chris Vietch, said that he would like to assist and would take on the task of Training Supervisor for the Program.

Both Ron Searle and Chris Vietch expressed an interest in the Aussie Host Program and will look into the feasibility of incorporating that into our Training Module.

The first meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 29 May 7-9 pm at the Clarendon Office.

Moved by Geoff Riley seconded by Peter Auld.

4. Computer Systems - Software and Staff Training

Peter Auld and Andrea Chandler-Joyce submitted to the Board, four proposals from different organisations specialising in software and training - Gembesse Software Specialist from Parramatta, TAFE at Richmond, Addler PC Services at Seven Hills, Tizzana Management Ebenezer. After numerous meetings with these people we assessed our needs to be a User Friendly Data Base System, Microsoft Office and for the computers to be able to network, the Board decided that the data base would be purchased from Gembesse (The Act Program). We would purchase the Microsoft Package independently.

Garry McCully said that he would look into the availability of a Network Board.

The successful tender for training and organising our systems was won by Tizzana Management Services. This reorganisation set up and training is to have high priority.

Moved by Peter Auld seconded by Paul Rasmussen.

5. Promotional Program for the Forthcoming Year

Regional Report from Chris Vietch, Valley View Cafe Kurrajong Village. Chris expressed his concern at being the only financial member of Tourism Hawkesbury. He stated that he believes strongly in what this is doing and the plans for the future. He attends regular meetings of the Kurrajong Forum and from time to time would present topics of interest on behalf of Tourism Hawkesbury to the Kurrajong Forum.

The Board thanked Chris for his time and presentation and, having a prior engagement, Chris was excused.

Chris Wells informed the Board that application had been submitted to the Lotteries Board

in Parramatta in reference to the Touro Dollars Promotion Rules and Regulations.
Moved that Chris Wells make further enquiries regarding shopping centre promotions.
Seconded Peter Auld.

6. General Roadside Signage

The Board proposed that a letter be drafted to Council advising of the type of structure suitable (same as signage currently used at Wheeny Creek). This letter is to include photographs. Andrea Chandler-Joyce to do this on behalf of the Board.

Moved Geoff Riley seconded Paul Rasmussen. Carried.

7. General Business

The Board adopted that the Fauna Park Consultant's Report be accepted.

Moved Geoff Riley seconded Paul Rasmussen.

Ron Searle asked the Board to clarify what exactly was required of the Councillors and asked that the lines of communication be clearer. That Councillors be briefed on activities of Tourism Hawkesbury Inc to allow them to be able to fulfil their duties satisfactorily. The Board's reply was that the role of the Councillors is one of a representative at Council to keep the Mayor and Councillors informed of the activities of Tourism Hawkesbury.

Paul Rasmussen asked the Board to find out what was happening with RDO now that we have had a change of Government - funding, policies, etc.

New members submitted for approval :

Clarendon Cafe and Take Away
Fitzroy Hotel Windsor
Lady Antuonet Perfume Cottage
Macquarie Park Cafe Windsor
Rustic Moments Windsor
Stefans Restaurant Windsor
Westpac Banking Corporation Windsor
Waynes Garden Centre North Richmond
Grey Gums Cottage Kurrajong
McMillans Bed and Breakfast Kurrajong
Charlie Greentree Vegetable Farmer Freemans Reach
Terry Allen Turf Farm Freemans Reach
Kasheda Bed and Breakfast Kurrajong

13 in total

Moved by Chris Wells seconded by Peter Auld. Carried.

The new Newsletter `Hawkesbury Review' has been compiled with the assistance of Tizzana Management Services. This will be a bi-monthly publication. The Board all agreed that it was a vast improvement on the previous publication.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting concluded at 10pm.

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

Local Traffic Committee - 17 May 1996

Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor on Friday 17 May, 1996 commencing at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor R Searle (Chairperson), Mr J Christie (Office of P Gilbson MP), Mr D Lamont (Roads and Traffic Authority), Senior Constable R Banno (NSW Police Service), Mr K Rozzoli (MP).

APOLOGIES: Mr G Hatch (Department of Transport).

ALSO PRESENT: Mr C Daley (Director of Asset Services and Recreation), Mr T Shepherd (Administrative Officer Asset Services and Recreation).

MINUTES:

1. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 April 1996 were confirmed.

REPORTS:

2. Lots 5 and 6 DP977298 - Wolseley Road, Oakville - School extensions - Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation/Arndell College Ltd DA74/96.

Construction of special school facilities to supplement existing temporary demountable classrooms/administration building and incorporating an additional 25 carparking spaces to those already existing.

Messrs R Varga and F Patterson representing the applicants, addressed the committee in relation to issues arising out of the traffic study submitted with the application.

Committee Recommendation:

1. That no objection is held to the proposed development as depicted on sheet 1 of plan number 4169 submitted by the applicants; and

2. Recognising that this is the first stage of development of the subject site all subsequent stages be submitted for the committee's consideration upon lodgement by the applicant.

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Mr K Rozzoli MP, joined the meeting at this time.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4. Proposed 3 lot 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 66 space basement carpark on the above property.

Deferred from the meeting held on 19 April 1996 pending the receipt of comment from the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding the proposed ingress/egress point on Macquarie Street, Windsor.

Committee Recommendation:

Noting that comment had not been received from the Roads and Traffic Authority as of this date, to defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending receipt of formal advice from the Roads and Traffic Authority's Regional Development Committee.

5. Mileham Street, South Windsor - traffic conditions - Hawkesbury City Council 1352/R PT03

Question without notice 19 April 1996 - Mr K Rozzoli.

Advising of representations received regarding traffic conditions on Mileham Street, South Windsor in the vicinity of Woods Road particularly in relation to the high incidence of speeding vehicles.

Traffic counts as requested by the committee in deferring this matter from it's meeting held on 19 April 1996 were considered.

Committee Recommendation:

That traffic management devices proposed under the Roads and Traffic Authority's Network and Road Safety Funding Program be installed on Mileham Street, South Windsor at it's intersections with Woods Road expeditiously.

CORRESPONDENCE

6. Bells Line of Road, North Richmond - Median Island - Roads and Traffic Authority 243/R PT06

Advising that funding is not available under the 1995/96 network and road safety funding program for construction of a raised concrete median island on Bells Line of Road from North Richmond Bridge to Pitt lane.

Committee Recommendation:

That correspondence be forwarded to Mr K Rozzoli MP, requesting representations be made to the Minister for Roads for allocation of funding the subject works under the Roads and Traffic Authorities 1996/97 Network and Road Safety Funding Program.

REPORTS

7. William Street, Richmond - traffic conditions - Mrs D Dodds 2340/R PT02

Representations requesting appropriate traffic management measures to slow/deter traffic on William Street, Richmond due to proximity of residences to carriageway.

The issues addressed included the existing volume of traffic, speed of vehicles, the use of William Street/Moray Street as a by-pass route to traffic signals located at the intersection of Windsor/Bourke Streets and projected traffic volumes resulting from the proposed East Richmond Railway Station carpark which is presently under consideration by City Rail.

Committee Recommendation:

1. That appropriate action be undertaken to institute closure of William Street, Richmond in the vicinity of the eastern boundary of lot B, DP164970;

2. Upon construction of the East Richmond Railway Station carpark that "No Stopping" signage be erected on that section of William Street servicing that carpark; and

3. Installation of an appropriate traffic management device to prevent a right turn manoeuvre from William Street onto Bourke Street.

8. Suffolk Street, Windsor - provision of parking - Hawkesbury City Council 1951/R PT02

Arising from the Windsor Traffic Study is a proposal that parking be provided on Suffolk Street, Windsor which is currently prohibited.

Issues addressed were: - narrow pavement width, Council's parking policy, Statutory Restrictions under the Motor Traffic Act and truck turning movements.

Committee Recommendation:

That four (4) parking spaces be provided on the northern side of Suffolk Street, Windsor between the following chainages measured from George Street:

1. 6 - 31.5: 3 parking spaces
2. 59.5 - 70.0: 1 parking space

9. Church Street, South Windsor - part closure - Hawkesbury City Council 353/R PT02

Following completion of the Oasis Swimming Centre it is proposed to close Church Street, South Windsor at it's northern intersection with Ham Street.

Issues addressed:

1. The subject section of Church Street between Ham/Drummond Streets is 232 metres in length of which 176 metres is existing closed road leaving a section of 56 metres north of Ham Street as public road;

2. Through traffic between Ham/Drummond Streets is essentially traversing the carpark facility with consequent pedestrian/vehicle conflict at the entrance to the Centre.

Committee Recommendation:

1. That appropriate action be undertaken to institute closure of that section of Church Street, South Windsor currently being public road at it's northern intersection with Ham Street.

2. Subsequently classify the land as operational land under the Local Government Act 1993 in the longer term.

10. Bandon Road, Vineyard - school zone/pedestrian crossing - Vineyard Public School P&F Association 236/R PT02

Requesting installation of a 40KPH school zone and pedestrian crossing/pedestrian refuge outside Vineyard Public School on Bandon Road due to prevailing traffic conditions.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Road Safety Officer liaise with the Road Safety Officer from Blacktown City Council for joint assessment of the subject application and a report be submitted to the next meeting.

11. Windsor Road, Vineyard - regulatory signage - Hawkesbury City Council 2342/R PT04

Report regarding proposed installation of "No Right Turn" signage west bound on Windsor Road, Vineyard to confine traffic to Windsor and Pitt Town Roads, McGraths Hill rather than circumvent the traffic signals located at the intersection of Windsor Road and Pitt Town Road.

Committee Recommendation:

To defer this matter to the next meeting pending submission of a report regarding results of traffic counts.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr J Christie

1. Advised of potential for accidents on Dight Street, Richmond due to vehicles exiting the construction site for the Hospital RAAF Base, Richmond due to proximity of a bend.

Committee Recommendation:

That "Watch for Entering Traffic" advisory signs be erected on Dight Street, Richmond on each approach side to that construction site.

2. Advised of limited sight distance at the intersection of Drift Road and Inalls Lane, Agnes Bank.

Committee Recommedation:

1. That slashing of the nature strips at that location be undertaken to improve sight distances; and

2. Up-grading of the subject intersection be listed for consideration in a future works program.

3. Advised that the light load limit sign on College Street, Richmond requires relocation closer to Bourke Street to improve warning to motorists.

Committee Recommendation:

That this matter be investigated and appropriate rectification works be undertaken as required.

Senior Constable R Banno

3. Advised that "No Right Turn" regulatory signage erected on Macquarie Street, Windsor at the intersection of Day Street prevents south bound traffic on Macquarie Street turning into the Casualty Section of Hawkesbury Hospital and requested removal of those regulatory signs.

Committee Recommendation:

That further representations be made to the Roads and Traffic Authority for removal of those regulatory signs until such time as the casualty section at the new Hospital complex is commissioned.

Councillor R Searle

4. Advised of representations received from Grose Vale Bush Fire Brigade regarding limited sight distance on Grose Vale Road upon exiting from Cabbage Tree Road particularly in relation to the left turn manoeuvre.

Committee Recommendation:

That investigation be undertaken regarding upgrading of that intersection to provide more effective traffic management.

5. Outlined difficulties encountered by large trucks manoeuvring within the loading zones associated with the Bi-Lo Store, North Richmond and damage caused by those vehicles in Pitt Lane and requested implementation of the weight restriction on Pitt Lane, North Richmond to redirect those vehicles to Grose Vale Road and Riverview Street.

Committee Recommendation:

That the 3 tonne weight restriction previously discussed be implemented on Pitt Lane, North Richmond.

6. Advised of representations received regarding vehicles cutting the corner at the intersection of Alexander Street and Colonial Drive, Bligh Park when turning right out of Alexander Street.

Committee Recommendation:

That a traffic dome and 30 metres of barrier line be installed on Alexander Street, Bligh Park at it's western intersection with Colonial Drive.

7. Advised of representations received regarding pedestrian and vehicle conflict within the carpark to Windsor Railway Station.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Road Safety Officer undertake an assessment of the situation.

8. Advised that school buses are not utilising the busbay at Chisholm Catholic School, Collith Avenue, South Windsor.

Committee Recommendation:

The Department of Transport be requested to investigate this matter.

9. Advised of am peak hour delay incurred by east bound traffic on Bells Line of Road, North Richmond caused by queuing of traffic turning right into Grose Vale Road.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to investigate:

1. The current phasing of the lights.
2. Provision of a left turn phase arrow from Bells Line of Road into Grose Vale Road, or turn left on red after stopping.

Mr C Daley

10. Advised on increasing incidence of heavy vehicles parking on residential streets, in contravention of the Motor Traffic Act.

Committee Recommendation:

That this matter be referred to the NSW Police Service for enforcement of the Motor Traffic Act.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Searle tabled correspondence received from the Roads and Traffic Authority regarding attendance of a representative from that Authority at committee meetings and in particular advising of proposed creation of a technical unit specifically to service local traffic committees.

Committee Recommendation:

That correspondence be forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority supporting expeditious establishment of that technical unit, however physical attendance of a representative from the authority at Committee Meetings continue pending creation of that unit.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held at 10.00am Friday 21 June 1996.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

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

Minutes of the Composting Committee Meeting - 30 May 1996

Present: D Mason (NSW Agriculture), J Davis (Mushroom Growers' Association), C Bowles (EPA), C Gillespie (DUAP), G Baldry, M Coulter, S Leathley.

Apologies: Clr R Stubbs, Clr C Paine (both inadvertently not notified of the meeting - to be briefed following meeting).

Welcome and Purpose of Committee

S Leathley outlined the objectives of the Committee. It was agreed that the discussion paper should be broadened to ensure that it includes composting generally.

LEP Amendment

There was discussion about the legal requirements for composting and, in particular, whether it was designated development or not. It was agreed that legal advice should be obtained specific to any nominated site. It was not considered productive to seek general advice on the issue.

There was discussion about the availability of the Environment Protection Authority Draft Composting Guidelines and the importance of them being finalised. It was agreed that the EPA and the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning should produce a single set of guidelines.

S Leathley discussed the options for an LEP amendment as outlined in the discussion paper being:

(1) A specific zone for composting;
(2) A site specific additional purpose;
(3) A general amendment to the Rural 1(a) zone to make composting a use permissible with development consent;
(4) The insertion of a new clause in Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 making composting a permissible use of rural land subject to Council considering a number of heads of consideration.

The committee discussed a possible future rezoning of the buffer around any nominated site to prevent inconsistent development.

It was agreed that Option (4) should be implemented as soon as possible with a rezoning of a buffer area to follow any approval for a composting use.

Draft Development Control Plan - Composting Facilities

S Leathley requested comments on the draft DCP to be provided by 6 June 1996 for reporting to Council on 11 June 1996. It was also agreed that Hawkesbury LEP 1989 should be amended as soon as possible to enable Council to consider alternative sites for composting in the City of Hawkesbury.

Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was not set, however, an inspection of the remaining mushroom composting facilities was set down for 25 June 1996.

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

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