

**HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING**

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SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER

DATE OF MEETING: 3 September 1996

LOCATION: Council Chambers

TIME: 7:30pm

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2. STORM DAMAGE GRO60/064 PT02

Last Friday night and Saturday saw the district experience one of the worst storms in a long time. Damage occurred throughout the City to both private and public property.

Council staff were called out at 2.00am on Saturday morning and worked continuously throughout the day and night and again on Sunday clearing trees and other debris from roads providing traffic facilities and general assistance. The Hawkesbury State Emergency Service volunteers worked from early in the hours of Saturday morning and continued through until mid-day Monday. They received 780 calls and responded to 120 requests for assistance including 68 roof damage problems from trees. 615 volunteer hours of work were undertaken with the majority of the damage in the Windsor/Bligh Park, Richmond/Hobartville, Kurrajong/Kurmond, North Richmond, Freemans Reach, Wilberforce, Pitt Town, and Bowen Mountain areas. Areas least affected were Windsor Downs and East Kurrajong.

The Bush Fire Brigades attended to 64 instances, registering 264 volunteer hours.

The work and co-operation between the organisations, including Police, NSW Fire Brigade and those from Integral Energy, was excellent and they are to be congratulated.

Main road damage has been in the Macdonald Valley and an assessment of repair costs is currently being made.

It is recommended that letters be forwarded to those involved commending them on the work undertaken over this period.

3. FAMILY DAY CARE CO-ORDINATION GROUP GC120/002 PT02

A strategic plan is being developed for the Family Day Care Service to focus its activities towards providing quality care aligned to the needs of the community. A Workshop and Consultation Program was held on Wednesday, 19 June 1996 at the Windsor Function Centre that was facilitated by Mentor Consulting and resulted in many positive issues discussed that related to the future development of the scheme.

One of the significant outcomes from the public meeting was the proposal to establish a Consultative Group of parents, carers, staff, the sponsor (Council) and the community to improve the consultation and communication processes between the interested parties.

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At a subsequent public meeting on the 28 August 1996 a Consultative Group was formed consisting of the following representatives :

Parents		3
Carers	3	
Family Day Care Staff		1
Hawkesbury City Council	- Elected Member	1
	- Staff Member	1
Community Representative		1

The meeting appointed the three parent representatives and the three carer representatives and will call for expressions of interest for the community representative. It has been requested that Council nominate a delegate to participate in this important consultative service between the Family Day Care Program, the users and the community.

It is recommended that Council appoint a delegate to the Family Day Care Consultative Group.

Councillor Rex Stubbs
Mayor

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ITEM: 42 HAWKESBURY TRIATHLON

FILE NUMBER: GR030/062/ENG

REPORT:

The Organising Committee of the Hawkesbury Triathlon has been meeting on a regular basis since January 1996. The event was initiated in response to community interest, with the long term goal of establishing a triathlon club in the area, who would then take on responsibility for running the event on a yearly basis.

The Committee consists of Council staff, a Councillor, the Sports Council and the Department of Sport and Recreation, with regular input from the Police, other triathlon clubs and Tourism Hawkesbury.

As previously reported, the Triathlon required approximately \$15,000 to be run efficiently and safely, in accordance with the guidelines of Triathlon NSW. It is anticipated that up to 500 participants would be attracted with an entry fee of \$15/person giving an income of \$7,500. This left \$7,500 required in sponsorship funds.

Approximately \$2,000 of goods and services have been donated to date by local businesses including overnight accommodation plus dinner and breakfast from the Colonial Motel, a driver and vehicle for the day for transporting dignitaries from Budget Rent-a-Car and a dignitaries tent from Hire Power. Coke also contributed \$500 worth of prizes for the event. The Sports Council are contributing by organising marshals for the event.

A major sponsor has not, however, been secured and this has resulted in a shortfall of \$5,500. Due to time constraints recommended by Triathlon NSW, in relation to their inspection of the course and sufficient advertising of the event, the Triathlon has had to be postponed to 1997. The Committee have made contact with the organisers of the Greater Western Games and the Triathlon will be incorporated into the Games in 1997 which may assist in giving sponsors.

The Committee feel that a major limiting factor in searching for sponsorship was the fact that businesses are not receptive to providing funds to Local Government to hold such events. It is, therefore, suggested that representation should be made to the Sports Council to take on responsibility for organising the event. Support of Council staff would be ongoing in this instance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That representation be made to the Sports Council to take on responsibility for organising a Triathlon in the Hawkesbury area with ongoing support from relevant Council staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 43 RURAL LANDS STUDY - SELECTION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - COMMENCEMENT OF STUDY

FILE NUMBER: GT150/015/EVD

REPORT:

By resolution the Rural Lands Study Committee is comprised as follows:-

- . a representative from local agriculture/horticulture interests
- . a representative from the North Western Sydney Regional Development organisation
- . a representative from local resident interests
- . a representative from the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust
- . a representative from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning
- . a representative from the Department of Land & Water Conservation
- . a representative from NSW Agriculture
- . a representative from the Environment Protection Authority
- . a representative from the National Parks and Wildlife Service
- . Councillor Stubbs (Mayor)
- . Councillor Paine
- . Councillor Allan
- . Councillor Books
- . staff from the Division of Environment & Development to service the committee

As a consequence of advertisements seeking expressions of interest for two positions on the Rural Lands Study Sub-Committee nominations were received from:-

Rohan Boehm (Kurrajong)
William Shields (Bilpin)
Rob Tolson (McGraths Hill)
Brian Carroll (Oakville)
Jan Davis (Windsor)
Barry Crockford (Glossodia)
Noel Browne (Glossodia)
Geoff Farrance (Pitt Town)
Brian McKinlay (Windsor)
Judith Fasher (Glossodia)
Neil Shedden (Wilberforce)

Interviews were conducted with all of the applicants on Thursday 29 August 1996 and Saturday 31 August 1996. Five standardised questions were put to each applicant being:-

1. What is your interest in being on this committee?
2. What do you have to offer the committee - in terms of qualifications and experience?
3. What do you think are the economic opportunities for the Hawkesbury's rural area?
4. Where do you think our rural area should be heading?
5. What people and organisations would you represent if selected on this committee?

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The Committee's recommendation is that the following persons be placed on the Committee to represent local agriculture/horticulture interests and local resident interests:-

William Shields
Barry Crockford
Rob Tolson
Neil Shedden
Brian McKinlay

In addition Jan Davis will be on the Committee as representative of the NWSRDO Agriculture/Horticulture Task Force.

The additional representation whilst beyond the proposed Committee composition should not result in the Committee becoming unworkable particularly given the experience of many of the government departments having insufficient staffing to provide regular representation.

Council has already adopted a draft statement of purpose, aims and objectives for the Committee to work within. In that draft statement the primary aim of the study is to foster economic opportunities in the City's rural areas and not to investigate further rural residential subdivision opportunities. These economic opportunities may also include activities beside agriculture eg, tourism, small business etc. This is also conveyed in the objectives which include the following:-

- "iv. To provide strategies that will conserve existing viable agricultural pursuits and reduce conflicts with other non agricultural rural uses.*
- v. To investigate opportunities and provide strategies that will establish the Hawkesbury as a centre for agriculture in NSW.*
- vi. To investigate opportunities and provide strategies for attracting sunrise agricultural industries that are compatible with the environmental capabilities of the Hawkesbury LGA.*

The Rural Lands Study Committee will need to work within the purpose, aims and objectives set by Council. Similarly the brief will need to be prepared in accordance with the agreed purpose, aims and objectives.

It is proposed to fix the first meeting of the full Rural Lands Study Committee for 7.30pm Monday 16 September 1996 to seek agreement to the draft statement of purpose, aims and objectives and also to discuss a draft brief. Upon adoption of the brief, a response can be sought from a short list of consultants. The proposed Agriculture Summit on 26 October 1996 will be relevant to the project and it would seem difficult to finalise the brief before that date.

Council has not voted any funds for the project in the 1996/97 budget. The Department of Urban Affairs and Planning has indicated that they would make \$10,000 available to the project. Given the draft statement of purpose, aims and objectives it is estimated that the study will cost at least \$60,000 requiring a funding commitment from Council of at least \$50,000.

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The funding will need to be provided from overdraft if the study is to proceed in the 1996/97 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the following persons be invited to participate on Council's Rural Lands Study Committee:-

William Shields
Barry Crockford
Rob Tolson
Neil Shedden
Brian McKinlay

2. That the Rural Lands Study Committee be advised of the draft purpose, aims and objectives and the need for the brief to be drafted within those constraints.
3. That the information concerning the first meeting of the full Rural Lands Study Committee at 7.30pm on Monday 16 September 1996 be received.
4. That funding of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) be provided from overdraft to commence the study in the 1996/97 financial year.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 44 HAWKESBURY CITY SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION - INVITATION
TO VISIT TAMBA, JAPAN

FILE NUMBER: GP092/003 PT02/GMA

REPORT:

The following correspondence has been received from the Hawkesbury City Sister City Association :-

"Reference is made to an invitation issued by the Mayor of Tamba for an official visit to Tamba of Hawkesbury's Mayor and/or members of Council as well as officials and members of this Association.

The Chairperson of our Association, Mrs Jean Peare, wishes to visit Tamba and a fax has now just been sent asking if mid October to end October would be a convenient time for a visit.

It would be appreciated if you would make this invitation known to the Mayor and Councillors. Mayor Stubbs is aware of this invitation, however, because of the September Mayoral elections, Tamba has been advised that we will be informing them of further details after this time."

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 45 AUSTRALIAN PIONEER VILLAGE - RETENTION OF BUILDINGS

FILE NUMBER: GA050/001 PT02/EVD

REPORT:

The Minutes of the Heritage Committee propose that Australian Pioneer Village be listed as an item of Environmental Heritage in Council's Local Environmental Plan and also that Council seek the Heritage Council to place a permanent conservation order on the Village.

With respect to the Local Heritage Committee it is not considered that the buildings comprising Australian Pioneer Village with the exception of Rose Cottage and the barn, should be heritage items in Council's LEP. The buildings comprising the Village were relocated and/or constructed on-site over the past 30 years. Therefore, the collection of buildings is more akin to a theme park than a heritage precinct.

There are chattels within the Village which may well have some heritage significance but these could be stored at another location.

It is suggested that if Council desires to retain the buildings in the Village in-situ that this be achieved by way of a Section 88B restriction as to user on the title of the land or as a condition of any lease rather than through the Heritage provisions of the LEP.

The listing of the buildings as heritage items may also unintentionally frustrate any proposals to reinforce the Village with other "heritage" theme buildings. It would also require development consent for any repairs, painting or modification of the buildings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information querying the proposed draft Local Environmental Plan for the Australian Pioneer Village be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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