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1 Current Bushfires GF010/037 PT03

Bushfire fighting has been taking place on a concerted basis throughout the district now for two weeks. It commenced with a series of lightning strikes that stretched across almost the entire local government area from Mountain Lagoon to Wisemans Ferry and beyond.

While the fires were in remote areas, they had considerable potential to cause damage to property and life in the western and northern parts of the City and beyond and of course gave concern over the conservation of the wilderness areas in which most of them started.

The containment of the fires is due to the hard work of a number of organisations and their personnel. These include the fire fighters from the Council's Rural Fire Service Brigades, its Fire Control and other staff, those from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW Fire Brigade, Ambulance Service, Integral Energy, Telstra, Rural Fire Service Brigades from a number of other areas in New South Wales, the Victorian Country Fire Authority, numerous local charitable organisations and many others. As soon as they have all been identified, I will write on the Council's behalf thanking them for their assistance and co-operation.

As with any major exercise, a number of issues, both positively and negatively will arise from the event and these will be discussed, and I am sure, necessary alterations made in the debriefing process.

Some fire fighters suffered from exhaustion over the period and I am sure there will be others who are yet to see the results of long and extended periods of work. In terms of property, the losses were contained to 13000 hectares of National Park, 140 hectares of private property, one shed and a fire truck.

My advice is that the Government Radio Network (GRN) did cause a number of problems that would not have existed if the alternative system had been available. The difficulties were in communication with some areas of the main ridges and with continual lockouts. The General Manager has written to the Government Radio Network operators and sought their response regarding the issues. He advises me that there will be a cost to the Council, that is as yet undetermined, however it will run into some tens of thousands of dollars that will be reported as soon as the matter is finalised and recommendations made for adjusting the Council's budget.

My personal experience is that a lot of people put in a lot of hard and dedicated work to ensure that the lives and assets of others were protected and to them, we as a Council and representatives of the community, should be truly indebted.

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2. Tourism Hawkesbury. GT050/005 PT07

Council, at its meeting on 12 May 1997, resolved in relation to Tourism Hawkesbury's budget for 1997/98 as follows :

"That Tourism Hawkesbury be allocated \$137,500 (one hundred and thirty seven thousand five hundred dollars) for the year 1997/98. That payment be made to Tourism Hawkesbury in two equal parts with the second part being paid in January, 1998 subject to the following:

1. *Two (2) Councillor members of the Board being made part of the Executive.*
2. *Submission of a business plan that includes prioritising of the Board's activities.*
3. *Produce a marketing/promotion and publications plan in line with the proposed Budget.*
4. *A performance review of promotional venues. Written report to be submitted to Council.*
5. *All reports and minutes to be submitted to Council."*

I have now received documentation from the new Chairman of the Board indicating their proposed actions over the ensuing six months until the end of the current budget period. I have had a chance to discuss this documentation with Councillors Allan and Lawson (Council's elected representatives on the Board), who are satisfied with the documentation and the proposals. There is a need for Council to examine its position in relation to tourism and, unfortunately due to the recent bushfires, this did not occur at the cancelled Planning Forum.

At this stage I would recommend that the Council provide the additional funds of \$68,750 (sixty eight thousand seven hundred and fifty) for the remaining period of the 1997/98 budget to Tourism Hawkesbury.

Councillor Robert Calvert
Mayor

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ITEM: 134 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment: Guidelines for Local Government in the Daruk Region**FILE NUMBER:** GA010/001 PT03/CSV/ORL09LBX.C34**REPORT:**

Over the past nine months, Council staff from Blacktown, Penrith, Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains Council have been meeting with Aboriginal representatives to discuss the issue of Aboriginal employment in local government.

In March this year, the Department of Employment, Education Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA) advertised for submissions to develop Aboriginal and Torres Islander employment plans for local government. Penrith City Council applied, on behalf of the Council in the Daruk area, for funding to research and find strategies for future employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in local government. The following objectives were set for the project:

- “* *to provide information about previous plans or policies related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment*
- * *to prepare a Local Government employment profile for the Daruk Region*
- * *to develop a list of priority areas for employment and training opportunities in local government in the Daruk region*
- * *to analyse existing recruitment practices and provide recommendations for improvement*
- * *to examine ‘best practice’ examples in the region*
- * *to develop linkages with existing mainstream regional employment strategies currently in place in the region.”*

The project has now been completed and has met these objectives. Further, suggestions for ways in which local government can encourage larger numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been included in the final report.

Implementation of any of the ideas or suggestions within this report will require negotiation with DEETYA and further funding which can be sought at some time in the future.

It is appreciated that time available to consider this report is limited, however, the report has only just come to hand and project coordinators would like Councils involved to endorse the report in principle so that it can be formally presented to the funding body, DEETYA, before the end of December.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council endorse in principle the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment: Guidelines for Local Government in the Daruk Region' report so that it can be forwarded to the Department of Employment, Education Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA) for their consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **135****ITEM: 135** **EPA Waste Reduction Grant "Hawkesbury's Green Reuse Scheme"****FILE NUMBER:** GG021/202 PT03/EVD/ORL09LBX.V35**REPORT:**

Further to issuing of the Grant to enable the commencement of the Hawkesbury Green Reuse Scheme", expressions of interest were called for the sorting, processing, management and establishment of the site at South Windsor Waste Depot for the duration of the trial project.

Four expressions of interest were received from companies that were able to provide this service, and their lump sum quotes to provide this service are listed below:-

Company	Quote
Camden Soil Mix Pty Ltd	\$410,00.00
D & M Hughes Civil Engineering Pty Ltd	\$91,191.00
Haulaway Recyclers	\$112,625.00
Australian Native Landscapes Pty Ltd	\$148,50000

The lowest quote is that of D & M Hughes Civil Engineers Pty Ltd who is our present contractor for South Windsor Waste Depot landfill operations. This company has met all the requirements of the expression of interest specification and is experienced in green waste processing, as they have been previously processing our green waste on an as needed basis.

All monies relating to the processing as outlined above, are covered by the grant issued by the EPA.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that a contract be drawn up between Council and D & M Hughes Civil Engineering Pty Ltd, in accordance with the "expression of interest" specification, and that such contract be signed under the seal of Council

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 136 **Proposed Subdivision by Boundary Adjustment Lot 101 DP848611, Lot 1 DP782525 & Lot 2 DP561603 Bells Line of Road and Kurmond Road, Kurmond - Additional Information to Item 60**

FILE NUMBER: SA124/97/EVD/ORL09LBX.V33

REPORT:

Additional Information

An amended plan has been submitted for the proposed boundary adjustment which removes a number of grounds of refusal reported to the General Purpose Committee on 25 November, 1997.

The resolution of the application will depend in large part upon the final drafting of the clause for subdivision by adjustment or relocation of boundaries (see other supplementary report).

In the circumstances it is recommended that determination of this application be deferred until the General Purpose Committee on 27 January, 1998.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application be deferred until the General Purpose Committee on 27 January, 1998.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 137**Draft Local Environmental Plan Clause 13 Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 Subdivision by Adjustment or Relocation of Boundaries - Additional Information to Item 65****FILE NUMBER:** LEP7/97/EVD/ORL09LBX.V32

REPORT:

Further consideration is being given to the revised wording of Clause 13 for subdivision by adjustment or relocation of boundaries. In particular, the requirement for a minimum road frontage of 20 metres may not be appropriate in all circumstances, for example where lots have battleaxe handles or alternatively right of way access.

A preferable approach would be to apply Section 90 Heads of Consideration to ensure that the existing lots, the boundaries of which are to be adjusted, do not have any constraints, whether physical or environmental as to prevent the erection of a dwelling and the on site disposal of effluent. If a dwelling can be erected on an existing allotment there should be no prohibition on the adjustment of its boundary provided other subdivision entitlements are not altered.

Consequently it is recommended that the determination of the Draft Local Environmental Plan for Clause 13 Subdivision by Adjustment or Relocation of Boundaries be deferred for further consideration and reporting to the January 1998 General Purpose Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Item 65 in the minutes of the General Purpose Committee meeting of 25 November, 1997 be deferred to the General Purpose Committee meeting on 27 January, 1998.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 138 **Youth Strategic Plan****FILE NUMBER:** GC210/014 PT01\GMA\ORL09LAX.G38

REPORT:

The Hawkesbury Youth Strategic Plan is the result of a lot of work over the past two years by a number of people who are committed to making the Hawkesbury a better place for youth that make up 20% of the current population. The aim of the Plan was to inform and give direction to those individuals and organisations working with young people over the next three years. It involved widespread consultation including the youth of the district to clearly define the key areas of need and priority for allocations of resources and funding.

There is a need for the implementation of the Plan to continue and accordingly it would be beneficial for the Council to formally appoint at least one Councillor to the implementation group so that the Council can be both represented and receive reports on its adopted policy on a regular basis.

Councillor Stubbs, who was the Councillor responsible for the Plan's co-ordination, has indicated his interest in continuing with this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

A Councillor (Councillors) be appointed to the implementation group for the Youth Strategic Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 139 **Richmond Park****FILE NUMBER:** PK202/GMA/ORL09LAX.G39

REPORT:

There have been discussions with the Police regarding the continued and increased vandalism and associated problems occurring in Richmond Park. One of the matters they indicate is a problem is the drinking of alcohol in the Park and the limitation of their powers under the Alcohol Free Zone provisions. They have suggested that the Council should resolve to prohibit the use of alcohol within the Park in accordance with its powers for public places and where persons who subsequently act contrary to the notice in accordance with the Council's resolution are guilty of an offence. This would totally restrict the consumption of alcohol within the Park that would inconvenience some persons. It may also be a matter the Chamber of Commerce would like to address with its proposed future activity within the area, however, given the current extent of vandalism, it is considered that the matter should be pursued and reviewed with the Police and the Chamber at an appropriate time in 1998.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act and Regulation of Public Places that the Council prohibit the use of alcohol within Richmond Park and that appropriate notices be displayed.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 140 Stormwater Trust Grants**FILE NUMBER:** P248/32 PT01/GMA/ORL09LAX.G40**REPORT:**

The University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury, through its Centre for Integrated Catchment Management, is currently preparing an application to the Stormwater Trust. The application for an amount of \$2.8 million is to support implementation of the major stormwater works and construction of a stormwater education facility on University land adjacent to the town of Richmond.

Stage 1 of the works, which pilot innovative technologies and undertake remedial actions, has been sufficiently developed to enable an early commencement. Guidelines for the grants indicate that amounts of \$50,000 to \$1.5 million are generally available with consideration given for exceptional projects up to \$3 million.

The Richmond project was conceived in the early 1990's and has since been developed by the University in conjunction with the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust and Sydney Water in order to develop a serious approach to water quality and quantity issues confronting the catchment. There was a subsequent workshop involving over 30 persons from a number of agencies including the Council, industry and the community that developed the concept of an integrated water quality improvement/reuse and community education/recreation facility.

The original concept has been further redefined and is currently a Clean Up Australia 2001 Project managed by a Steering Committee that includes Mr Ian Kiernan, Professor John Clark, Mr Peter Davey, Mr Sandy Booth, and senior staff from Sydney Water, the Environment Protection Authority and the Department of Land and Water Conservation. The project has been endorsed by the Premier and has received funding of \$50,000 from the Minister for Land and Water Conservation with Sydney Water recently contributing a further \$250,000.

When completed, the Richmond project will be amongst Sydney's most innovative educational technology and education assets. It is proposed to link the site in the Clarendon paddocks of the University's land with the township and people of Richmond through the development of a stormwater management plan focusing on technology and community involvement processes. With the assistance of the Council, the ultimate aim would be to make Richmond the model stormwater management town for other rural and urban Councils. International and other visitors from throughout Australia in the Hawkesbury region would also visit and learn from the "*Richmond Experience*."

The Council will also be submitting proposals for the Stormwater Trust grants that include the installation of gross pollutant traps;

The Terrace, Windsor - three locations generally between Baker Street and Hollands
Paddock \$550,000

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Mileham Street near Fairey Road. \$450,000

Berger Road - this would take a large proportion of the Bligh Park catchment
by placing one unit upstream from the lake \$450,000

Bensons Lane, Richmond \$500,000

The maintenance for the above installations that will cost \$1,950,000 would be in the order of \$30,000 per annum.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council endorse the Richmond Water Reuse Project and make application to the Stormwater Trust for funds in the order of \$2.8 million.. Should the project receive the funds, then the Council make these available to the University for implementation in accordance with approved objectives and designs developed in association with the relevant Council senior staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 141 **Rezoning Request - Lot 11 DP 576544 No.120 Francis Street, Richmond.**

FILE NUMBER: P613/113Pt02/EVD/ORL09LBX.V41

REPORT:

Since the drafting of the General Purpose Committee Report (Item 74) there have been further discussions with the owners of Lot 11 Mr & Mrs Kapetanovic.

They indicate that as Council has now acquired numbers 228, 226, 224 and 222 Francis Street as part of the land swap for the Richmond Mall extension that their land and two adjoining parcels capable of redevelopment are now effectively "isolated".

Presuming that Council at some future time proceeds to rezone as 3(a) the land recently acquired from A & A Lederer as part of the land swap for car park, then there would be three lots with some re-development potential "surrounded" by General Business 3(a) zoning.

In these circumstances, it is agreed that Mr & Mrs Kapetanovic's land, as well as Nos.118, 116, 114 and the corner No.112 should be rezoned from Special Business 3(b) to General Business 3(a).

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council prepare a Draft Local Environmental Plan to rezone Nos. 120, 118, 116, 114 and corner No.112 Francis Street from Special Business 3(b) to General Business 3(a).

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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