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Item: **10**

ITEM: 10 **Funding for Restoration of Colo War Memorial**

FILE NUMBER: GC021/204/ENG/INB24NBX.E03

REPORT:

Several applications for funding were submitted to the Regional War Memorials Project under the Federal Government's *Their Service - Our Heritage* commemorative program. One application has been successful, namely the restoration of the Colo War Memorial at Colo Park. A total of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) has been received to replace the existing plaque with a marble plaque. Applications for Richmond, Windsor, Freemans Reach and Kurrajong War Memorials were not successful.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the funding of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars) to restore the Colo War Memorial be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 11 **Neighbourhood Watch**

FILE NUMBER: GS080/001/ENG/INB24NBX.E05

REPORT:

Correspondence has been received from the Neighbourhood Watch organisation requesting Council's assistance to erect ten (10) large Neighbourhood Watch signs and twenty (20) smaller signs throughout the city area indicating the presence of that organisation. Estimated cost to erect these signs is \$4,000 (four thousand dollars). There is no cost for the actual signs. The proposal has been endorsed by the Hawkesbury Community Safety Committee at its inaugural meeting on 25 November 1997.

The erection of Neighbourhood Watch signs was previously undertaken by Integral Energy, however, it has been advised that that organisation no longer participates in this activity.

It is considered that support of this organisation is worthwhile and it would be proposed to fund the erection of the signs from the current street signs construction and maintenance vote.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Neighbourhood Watch be assisted in the erection of the signs requested.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 12 Progress Report on Half Moon Farm**FILE NUMBER:** P2145.70/ENG/INB24NBX.E02**REPORT:**

The property known as Half Moon Farm was purchased by the Department of Planning (now the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning - DUAP) and Council in 1984 on the basis of its potential for regional recreational purposes. Half Moon Farm is located at Leets Vale, (approximately half way between Lower Portland and Wisemans Ferry) and encompasses 45 hectares including a 2.4 km frontage to the Hawkesbury River.

Half Moon has an excellent combination of natural features and is highly suited to nature based recreational activities. The site will however require planned and careful management to ensure that the proposed activities do not destroy those natural features that create its unique beauty. In addition to this, Half Moon presents a brief history of its previous Aboriginal and European inhabitants. A number of Aboriginal relics and a small private cemetery with graves dating from 1812 are important historical features that also need appropriate treatment to ensure preservation.

The property has been used previously for sand mining, grazing and farming, and this has resulted in partial destruction of the natural riverine vegetation and the introduction of a variety of weed species. A Plan of Management developed by consultants in 1992 provides detail of the flora and fauna species present along with a range of recommendations for the future use of the site. After discussions with the Department of Planning, this Plan was adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 9 February 1993. The adopted plan recommends a total of \$4.7 million to be expended on a variety of improvements including manager's residence, cabin style accommodation, access and internal roads, boat ramp and wharf type facilities, swimming and sporting facilities, camping areas and so on. The plan does not indicate a time frame except to note that such a development would need to be staged. DUAP consequently suggested that more attention should be given to developing Half Moon in the short term to enable camping to occur in the interim.

The property is now at a point where structured camping can be accommodated. The following is a brief summary of the funded projects undertaken at Half Moon Farm to date:

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| 1. | Restoration of Cemetery | Funded by Council (\$3,279) and DOP (\$3,000) under Heritage Assistance Program in 1993/94. |
| 2. | Development of Forest Walk & Revegetation | Funded by Council (\$24,464) and Dept of Industry, Science & Tourism (\$20,000) under the Forest Ecotourism Program in 1995/96 Activities. |
| 3. | Development of Composting Toilet Facility | Funded by Council (\$20,000) and DUAP (\$12,000) under Greenspace Program in 1996/97. |

Other activities that have occurred include the maintenance of revegetation areas and the clearing of dilapidated buildings and rubbish from the site. In addition to this, a total of \$86,657 (eighty six thousand, six hundred and fifty seven) has been allocated to Half Moon as a future landscaping and furniture project from Section 94 funds..

Quotes are currently being sought for the development of a promotional brochure for Half Moon. The brochure will be targeted at schools, scout groups, ecotourism operators and the like to begin raising awareness of the unique opportunity that Half Moon provides. The site has been utilised by several groups to date as a 'trial run' and positive reports have been received. It is envisaged that in the short term, the site will be opened to organised groups only, with no informal access planned. This is to ensure that the valuable resources on the site are not destroyed by vandalism which is highly likely to occur if unsupervised and informal camping were allowed.

It has also been suggested by DUAP that the plan of management for the site be reviewed. This will be undertaken and submitted to Council for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 13 **Proposed Bus Shelter - George/Campbell Streets, South Windsor**

FILE NUMBER: 731/R PT08/ENG/INB24NBX.E04

REPORT:

The 1997/98 Works Programme included provision of a bus shelter on Sirius Road, Bligh Park adjacent to Colonial Drive, at an estimated cost of \$9,000 (nine thousand dollars). This location is no longer used as a bus stop.

Representations have been received from the Honorable K Rozzoli for the provision of a bus shelter on George Street, South Windsor immediately south of Campbell Street in view of the high number of elderly persons in that locality.

A bus shelter previously existed at this location but was demolished as a result of a vehicle accident.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a bus-shelter be erected on the western side of George Street, South Windsor, south of Campbell Street, in lieu of the previous proposal in Sirius Road, Bligh Park.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 14 Water Standpipes - Kurrajong, North Richmond, Wilberforce and Pitt Town**FILE NUMBER:** GW020/008/ENG/INB24NBX.E06

REPORT:

At the Ordinary meeting of Council of 10 February 1998 it was requested that information be brought to Council on the cost of hydrants and associated works related to the cut off of the standpipes and a policy on the filling areas.

In relation to the replacement of the overhead standpipes with hydrants it appeared that Sydney Water were only going to permit one hydrant at each overhead standpipe location. An innovative approach, however, has been agreed to by Sydney Water whereby the existing service lines to each overhead standpipe will be terminated and a hydrant attached to each line. This will in effect give the same number of filling points (hydrants) as currently exists at each overhead standpipe. The estimated cost for undertaking these works at the four locations, including the removal of the existing standpipes and meters is \$12,000 (twelve thousand dollars).

With regard to a policy on filling areas staff have undertaken a thorough investigation of hydrant locations which may be used by water carters. These locations as shown on the plan displayed, have been forwarded to Sydney Water for their approval. The criteria used when suggesting the locations were generally not in residential areas, regard to traffic safety and accessibility by water carters. Once approved by Sydney Water it would be appropriate that these locations be displayed publicly in areas such as the Council Offices and libraries etc.

A meeting was held with a delegation from the Save Our Standpipes Action Group on Tuesday 17 February with the Mayor and Director of Asset Services and Recreation. Issues raised generally by the delegation included cross subsidisation, accessibility to filling points and the manner in which the original report was made to Council with the lack of community consultation.

Items which the delegation specifically wanted noted from that meeting included:

- C *effect on the Rural Fire Service* - whilst the overhead standpipes were used by some brigades as a matter of convenience if in reasonable proximity to these facilities, the Rural Fire Service tankers have unmetered standpipes to access water. If working outside reticulated water areas, water for firefighting purposes is obtained from dams and creeks where available. It is acknowledged that water carters have in the past volunteered their services to assist the Rural Fire Service in times of emergency.
- C *a six/twelve month extension of time* - the delegation requested this time period for further community consultations and to allow a more comprehensive investigation into how the proposal will be implemented. On the basis that the standpipes will only be removed when alternative filling facilities are made available and that a period of three months will have elapsed prior to the removal of the standpipes it is considered that further extending this time period would have little bearing on the final implementation.

- C *private individuals carrying water* - it appears that there are two categories of people who undertake to cart their own water in small amounts. There is the regular user who would be able to hire a smaller diameter metered standpipe from Sydney Water and access hydrants for this purpose, and the occasional user who would find the hiring of the smaller diameter metered standpipes economically unattractive on an annual basis and investigations are still ongoing with Sydney Water to determine an alternative which may be acceptable to these people.
- C *lighting and safety of sites* - improvements to lighting and safety at any filling sites will need to be addressed on a site by site basis where required.
- C *access to water* - it appears that one of the concerns being erroneously promulgated is that there will be less access to water with the removal of the overhead standpipes. This is certainly not the case as each overhead standpipe will be replaced by a hydrant with the exception of Pitt Town where there are hydrants in the immediate vicinity of the overhead standpipe and in actual fact there will be additional filling points located to extend the accessibility to water.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **15****ITEM: 15****Capital Assistance Programme 1997/98 - Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing****FILE NUMBER:**

GG021/172/ENG/INB24NBX.E01

REPORT:

As reported to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 9 December 1997, sixteen applications were received for the 1997/98 Capital Assistance Programme (CAP). Of these applications, six have been supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Applicant Organisation	Purpose of Grant	FINANCE				
		Grant Applied For	Contribution From Organisation	Requested from Council	Requested from Sports Council	Total Project Cost
Hawkesbury City Council	To construct a rage cage at St Albans	\$17,500	\$17,500 Life be in it			\$35,000
Bilpin Public School	To resurface multi-purpose court at Bilpin Public School	\$14,500	\$9,500 cash	\$5,000		\$29,000
Hawkesbury Baseball Club	To install a pipe chainlink mesh & labour to construct back net dugout & batting tunnel at Benson Lane	\$8,000	\$1,500 Vol labour \$6,780 cash			\$16,280
Richmond Public School	To construct a multi sport area - basketball/ tennis court at Richmond Public School	\$15,000	\$5,000 cash \$10,000 in kind donations \$2,766 Vol labour			\$32,766
Hawkesbury Softball Assoc	To supply and erect 5 softball nets (5m high x 9m long in u shape) at Benson Lane	\$10,000	\$20,000 Vol labour			Stage 1 \$30,000
Hawkesbury City Council	To install a basketball court at Richmond Pool	\$5,000	\$5,500 (Council)			\$10,500

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Department of Sport and Recreation Grants	\$70,000.00
Total Funds requested from Council	\$5,000.00
Total Funds requested from by Sports Council	NIL
Total funds provided by applicant groups	<u>\$78,046.00</u>
Total value of projects	\$153,046.00

Funds requested from Council are proposed to be allocated from the 1998/99 Park Improvement Programme.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 1997/98 Capital Assistance Grants be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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