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ITEM: 19 **Claremont Street, Richmond - Proposed One-Way Traffic Flow**

FILE NUMBER: 356/R PT02/ENG/INK24NBX.E01

REPORT:

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 14 July, 1998 resolved that a Traffic Management Plan to secure one-way eastbound traffic flow on Claremont Street, Richmond be forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority prior to seeking public comment.

Public comment was sought by way of correspondence forwarded to affected residents and relevant government authorities, industry, emergency, public and transport organisations as well as a letter drop to businesses within the Lukis Avenue industrial area. Advertisements inviting public comment were placed in the Hawkesbury Gazette as well as the Government Gazette.

At the close of the public comment period, three (3) submissions had been received as follows:

1. NSW Police Service - no objection to proposal.
2. Mrs B Riley (resident) - requesting consideration be given to erection of "No Entry" signage in lieu of one-way thereby allowing residents two-way traffic flow.
3. Mrs G Horvat (resident) - no objection to proposal, however, expressing concern at congestion caused by parked vehicles, particularly by parents dropping off/collecting children at St Monica's Primary School, occasionally leading to Claremont Street being blocked.

With regard to "No Entry" signage, the perception would remain that two-way traffic flow was permissible. The NSW Police Services has advised that "No Entry" signage presents compliance difficulties, with "One-Way" signage having greater impact.

Parking congestion would remain a problem irrespective of whether traffic flow is one-way or two-way and this issue can be further investigated separately to this proposal.

A Traffic Management Plan has been approved by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Under the Roads Act, 1993, one-way eastbound traffic flow be declared over Claremont Street, Richmond; and

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2. The issue of parking restrictions on Claremont Street in the vicinity of Bourke Street, Richmond be further investigated.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 20 **Upgrade of Electrical Cabling in Governor Phillip Reserve by User Groups**

FILE NUMBER: PK/205/ENG/INK24NBX.E03

REPORT:

Events held by the NSW Water Ski Association, Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat club, NSW Wake Boarders Association and the Drag Boat Racing Association on a regular basis at Governor Phillip Reserve require additional electrical cabling to provide for both the power supply and the spread of power outlets required throughout the park. Currently, each user group spends between \$1,000 and \$2,500 per event on temporary cabling, and the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club (UHPBC) has recently held several meetings in an attempt to organise a permanent solution that is suitable for all groups. Agreement has been reached that the user groups will pool their funds to enable the funding of works provide a permanent solution. It is expected that the work will cost in the vicinity of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) and the UHPBC is currently obtaining quotes.

The UHPBC has requested that Council fund the works in the first instance, with all monies to be reimbursed by the user groups as their funds permit. UHPBC has arranged for written confirmation from each user group regarding such an agreement. It is proposed that assistance as requested be given, subject to each group agreeing to repay their costs within a reasonable time period.

RECOMMENDATION:

Subject to the four user groups agreeing to repay their respective portion of the costs, the upgrading of the electrical cabling be undertaken utilising current maintenance funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 21 Martin Road, Scheyville - Proposed Closure**FILE NUMBER:** 1344/R Pt2/ENG/INK24NBX.E02

REPORT:

Council at its meeting held on 10 February 1998 resolved that investigation be undertaken to secure full-time closure of Martin Road, Scheyville at its intersection with Boundary Road; closure was sought on the basis of road safety given Martin Road intersects with Boundary Road between two (2) crests, but approximately thirty (30) metres north of a crest on Boundary Road.

Public comment was sought by way of correspondence forwarded to affected residents and relevant government/industry/emergency/public transport organisations, as well as advertisements placed in both the Hawkesbury Gazette and the Government Gazette.

At close of the public comment period twelve (12) submissions had been received, summarised as follows:

- 1 NSW Police Service - no objection
- 2 Fire Control, Hawkesbury City Council - no objection
- 3 Baulkham Hills Shire Council - no objection
- 4 A & C Thuillier - owns two (2) large rural allotments, one having frontage to Martin Road - three (3) submissions traversing:
 - a) length of detour;
 - b) length of detour by employees, some of who use bicycles;
 - c) requesting sealing of the unsealed section of Midson Road between Martin and Dunns Roads;
 - d) volume of present and re-directed traffic using the unsealed section of Midson Road with consequent dust problems;
 - e) traffic management problems at the intersection of Dunns/Midson/Scheyville Roads requiring some form of regulatory signage;
 - f) suggesting relocating intersection of Martin Road in a southerly direction to the top of the crest on Boundary Road;
 - g) suggesting lowering of the crest on Boundary Road south of Martin Road;
- 5 V E Midson - recognised the danger associated with the intersection and enquiring as to whether Cusack and Midson Roads would be sealed;
- 6 P & D Evans (resident) - no objection expressed but suggesting turning circle for garbage trucks on Martin Road and method of closure.
- 7 A D Bouveng - supports proposal but suggesting lowering of crest on Boundary Road;

- 8 B & C Simpson - support proposal but concerned at volume of additional traffic which will be re-directed onto Cusack Road (unsealed) with possible increased danger to pedestrian/equestrian traffic;
- 9 B Milicevic (Resident) - objects to proposal and request improvement to roads comprising alternate routes and suggesting:
- a) installation of mirrors/warning signs/localised speed restriction/transverse pavement marking on Boundary Road
 - b) left turn only from Martin Road onto Boundary Road; left turn only from Boundary Road into Martin Road to ensure compliance with suggested traffic flow
 - c) remove crest on Boundary Road
 - d) seal Cusack Road and Midson Road between Martin and Dunns Road
 - e) concern regarding School Bus route, ambulance response times and use of Martin Road as an evacuation route in the event of a bush fire.
- 10 P Scott- attributes sight distance problems to earth mounds placed within the property boundary of the southern corner of Martin and Boundary Roads; Cusack and Hession Roads intersections with Boundary equally dangerous due to sight distance problems.
- 11 A S Trollope (Churinga Lodge) - supports proposal subject to Cusack Road being sealed.
- 12 R J Lesniewicz - support proposal but concerned at dust problem with additional traffic re-directed onto Cusack Road.

In response to the general heads of objection:

A Pedestrian/Bicycle/Equestrian Traffic

Closure would be undertaken in such manner as to allow access by pedestrians/cyclists.

B Sealing of Cusack Road/Midson Road

Council's current policy is not to expand the current sealed road network.

The unsealed section of Midson Road has National Park on the western side with two (2) large rural allotments on the eastern side which do not have access currently in use; the southern section of this part of Midson Road is used as a Council stock-pile.

C Relocating Intersection/Lowering Crest

Relocating the point of intersection of Martin Road in a southerly direction to the top of the crest on Boundary Road would involve substantial funding for land acquisition and construction.

Again substantial funding would be required for lowering of the crest.

D *Signage/Speed Restriction*

A distance of approximately thirty (30) metres separates the point of intersection and the crest. Provision of additional signage/pavement marking or a localised speed restriction to 60 kph is felt to be of little benefit having regard to the following vehicles stopping distances:

At 60 kph - 65 metres
At 80 kph - 105 metres

E *Left Turn Only*

This option does not resolve sight distance problems for vehicles turning left from Martin Road onto Boundary Road as vehicles approaching from the south are still not visible within acceptable distances.

F *Earth Mounds*

Placement of earth mounds within the boundary of south-western property are not an issue as the crest on Boundary Road is clearly visible from Martin Road.

G *Sight Distance Alternate Routes*

Sight distance in exiting both Cusack and Hession Roads onto Boundary Road is more than adequate and could not be construed as “just as dangerous” as Martin/Boundary Roads.

H *Public Transport/Emergency Services*

Correspondence was forwarded to the Department of Transport, Hawkesbury Valley Bus & Coach Service, NSW Taxi Council and the NSW Ambulance Service - submissions were not received from those organisations.

Discussion with Hawkesbury Valley Bus & Coach Service indicate the School Bus service will divert onto Cusack Road in lieu of Martin Road, with one student having to walk approximately 200 metres in a northerly direction on Midson Road.

Having regard to the foregoing, the central issue devolves to road safety.

RECOMMENDATION:

That under the Roads Act 1993 Martin Road, Scheyville be closed at its intersection with Boundary Road.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 22 **Cessation of Commercial Size Garbage Service for Rubbish Removal from Thompson Square on Weekends.**

FILE NUMBER: P2021/60/ENG/INK24NBX.E04

REPORT:

A commercial size garbage service was arranged in conjunction with business owners near Thompson Square around August 1997 in order for the park bins to be emptied during the day on weekends. Parks cleaning staff service the park bins on both Saturday and Sunday mornings, however, the business operators felt that this was not adequate for the numbers of people attracted to the park on weekends and undertook to empty them during the day.

Inspections have been undertaken on a regular basis over the past twelve months and it appears that the only rubbish being deposited into the bin is commercial waste from the business operators. The service cost is \$115 (one hundred and fifteen dollars) per month, and as it is not being used for its intended purpose, it has now been removed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 23 Noxious Weeds Act Review**FILE NUMBER:** GG021/204/ENG/INK24NBX.E05

REPORT:

Advice has recently been received regarding the finalisation of the Noxious Weeds Act 1993 review which was reported at the Ordinary Meeting on 11 November 1997. A submission was made in conjunction with local landcare groups with several of the changes suggested incorporated into the new list of noxious weeds for the Hawkesbury River County Council area of responsibility.

A change has also been made to the types of categories under which weeds are listed. Previously, there were four categories, W1 to W4 in descending order of priority. The changes involve the expansion of the W4 category to include subcategories (a) to (g).

- W1 The presence of the weed on land must be notified to the local control authority and the weed must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.
- W2 The weed must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed.
- W3 The weed must be prevented from spreading and its number and distribution reduced.
- W4 In accordance with section 8(3) and 9 of the Act, the action as specified below must be taken in respect of the weed:
- (a) The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed and any part of the weed must be prevented from growing within 3 metres of the boundary of a property.
 - (b) The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed and any existing weed must be prevented from flowering and fruiting.
 - (c) The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed and the weed must be prevented from spreading to an adjoining property.
 - (d) The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed and the weed must be removed if it is:
 - metres in height or less, or
 - within half a kilometre of remnant urban bushland, as defined by SEPP 19, and is not deemed by a council as having historical or heritage significance.
 - (e) The weed must be fully and continuously suppressed and destroyed. All reasonable precautions must be taken to ensure produce, soil, livestock, equipment and vehicles are free of the weed before sale or movement from an infested area of the property.

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- (f) The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed. Any biological control or other control program directed by a local control authority must be implemented.
- (g) The weed must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

The changes to the list include:

<i>Cestrum parqui</i>	Green Cestrum	W2 - previously W3
<i>Bryophyllum delagoense</i>	Mother of Millions	Added as W2
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i>	Privet - Broadleaf	Added as W4(b)
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i>	Privet - Narrowleaf	Added as W4(b)
<i>Harrisia ssp</i>	Harrisia	W4(f) -previously W4
<i>Opuntia ssp</i>	Prickly Pears	W4(f) -previously W4
<i>Salix ssp</i>	Willows (not including Weeping Willow)	Added as W4(g)
<i>Cabomba ssp</i>	Cabomba	Added as W4(g)
<i>Erythroxylum coca</i>	Coca Leaf	Removed
<i>Papaver somniferum</i>	Opium Poppy	Removed

The addition of privet, mother of millions and willows are of significance both in terms of public interest and financial implications for public and private land owners. Privet and mother of millions are extremely pervasive weeds and are found in the vast majority of bushland reserves and road reserves. It is suggested that Hawkesbury River County Council (HRCC) will not have the capacity to implement the requirements of the revised Act due to its limited operating resources.

The control of weeds throughout the Hawkesbury needs to be a combined effort between HRCC, Council and the local community, and other government bodies such as NSW Agriculture and Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust. Weed control programs can only be effective with appropriate management programs that can set priorities and accurately recommend allocation of resources. There is also a need to inform residents of the changes to the Act and its implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Hawkesbury River County Council be requested to outline the effects that changes to the Act will have in this Council's area including any proposed community consultation program.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 24 **Amendment to Plan of Management for Powell Park - 1163 Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong Heights**

FILE NUMBER: PK/052 & P243/1235/ENG/INK24NBX.E07

REPORT:

Hawkesbury Rural Fire Service have recently made application to establish a new Brigade Station for the Kurrajong Heights Rural Fire Brigade within the grounds of Powell Park, Kurrajong Heights. Powell Park is Crown Land and consequently the Department of Land and Water Conservation have required that a lease be established for this use of the park. Currently, the plan of management for Powell Park does not allow any lease or licence agreements for the reserve.

The plan of management requires amendment to allow for the provision of a lease and this change must be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the community land section of the Local Government Act. The draft plan must be advertised for a period no less than 28 days, and must specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made.

Additionally, the Act requires that any lease or licence agreement which extends for more than 21 years be advertised, and it is proposed that this be advertised concurrently with the change to the Plan of Management.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the plan of management for Powell Park, Kurrajong Heights be amended to allow for the provision of lease agreements over the reserve or part thereof, and that the draft plan and proposed lease agreement be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 25 Reclassification of Several Parcels of Community Land and Operational Land**FILE NUMBER:** P1908/1530, P309/75, P210/550 & P1316.950/ENG/INK24NBX.E08

REPORT:

The review of the plans of management for community land is underway, with the first stage being the accurate listing of all community land and associated property details, along with cadastral maps for the individual parcels.

The initial plans of management were undertaken by geographical area and it is proposed to continue with this method of presentation. Consequently, the second stage of the review has commenced and involves producing maps of entire geographical areas illustrating the relative size and location of each parcel in that area. Also represented is the proportion of general parks, sport fields and bushland parks, and the number and location of playgrounds. The first map to be completed is the Glossodia / Freemans Reach area.

It is apparent that the provision of community land in these areas is not equitable. The provision of open space throughout the Hawkesbury Local Government Area far exceeds the traditional planning standards of 2.4 hectares per thousand people. The use of this standard in isolation can however result in poor quality, and poorly planned and distributed open space.

It is proposed that several of the small reserves in Glossodia are not required for open space and should be reclassified as operational and subsequently sold. Additionally however, it is suggested that there is insufficient open space in a particular part of Freemans Reach, namely in the residential area containing Panorama Crescent, and land should be purchased to supplement the existing small park in this area.

The community land that has been identified as suitable to be sold include:

1. 188 Spinks Road (Lot 315 / DP 214758)
2. 15 Chestnut Drive (Lot 524 / DP 214758)
3. 28 Boomerang Drive (Lot 42 / DP 217499)
4. 132 Mitchell Drive (Lot 274 / DP 217501)

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. A draft local environmental plan be prepared in respect of Lot 315 / DP 214758, Lot 524 / DP 214758, Lot 42 / DP 217499 and Lot 274 / DP 217501 to reclassify from community to operational land. Further, that once reclassified the site be offered for sale.

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2. Investigation be undertaken into the possibility of purchasing land adjacent to the existing small park in Panorama Crescent, Freemans Reach.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 26 Use of Richmond Park for Music Events**FILE NUMBER:** PK/202/ENG/INK24NBX.E09**REPORT:**

Hawkesbury Skills Inc have recently been successful in securing 'Work For The Dole' funding for several projects aimed at facilitating community development. One of the project involves providing formal and informal music activities in Richmond Park and surrounds, in an effort to address an identified need which is to encourage an atmosphere of vitality in the main street of Richmond. The proposed activities are supported by Richmond Main Street Rejuvenation program, and discussion has also been undertaken with local police who have provided a letter of support for the project.

The music activities project is targeted at the wider community, however it will also address some of the pressing youth issues identified in the Youth Strategic Plan. The project is proposed to consist of three main types of activities as detailed below:

1. Music Workshops

Occasional workshops for example, playing percussion instruments, would be organised where individuals with a specific musical interest mix with other like musicians. Generally, these workshops would not use amplified sound and may involve up to 10 - 15 participants and a workshop leader. Such activities would require application providing specific information about the exact activities, dates and timing two weeks before each event.

2. Music Events

Events featuring mostly locally based groups (charitable) such as the RAAF band, local orchestras and the like would be organised on an occasional basis. These events would be advertised and expected to attract small audiences. It is likely that amplified sound would be utilised, and that other activities of interest may be held in conjunction with these events. These activities would require application providing specific information about the exact activities, dates and timing six to eight weeks before each event.

Both of the above activities may be undertaken on days that the park is already being utilised for Lions Market Days. Hawkesbury Skills has made contact with Richmond Lions in this respect, who have indicated no objections.

3. Music as Recreation

This part of the project simply involves 'getting the word around' that Richmond Park is an excellent place to just sit and play. This may stimulate for example, an individual musician to spend a Sunday afternoon playing guitar on a bench in the park.

Hawkesbury Skills have provided appropriate public liability insurance, and it is suggested that the project is an excellent way to increase appropriate usage of Richmond Park, which may in turn encourage more visitation to Richmond main street area. The activities are free for spectators and the alcohol free area will be promoted in all publicity. It is proposed that approval in principle be given to the organising of the events in Richmond Park, with further application to be made for the larger and more organised activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval in principle be given to Hawkesbury Skills for the use of Richmond Park for music activities as described pending further application which would be required for the larger and more organised activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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