



Hawkesbury City Council

general purpose committee minutes

date of meeting: 24 August 1999

location: Council Chambers

time: 9:30am

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Business

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AGENDA

- **APOLOGIES.**
- **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**
- **SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT.**
- **SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- **SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES.**
- **NEXT MEETING.**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 24 August 1999, commencing at 9.30am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors H J M Books, M E Lawson, P J Minturn, C A Paine, R D Searle, and L C Sheather.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, R G Calvert, W J Mackay and R Sahasrabuddhe.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books and seconded by Councillor Lawson that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather and seconded by Councillor Books that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 27 July, 1999, be confirmed.

Councillor Allan arrived at the meeting at 9.45am.

Councillor Minturn left the meeting at 1.00pm.

Councillor Baczynskyj arrived at the meeting at 1.00pm.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

- 8: Proposed Three (3) Towns Sewerage Scheme for Glossodia, Freemans Reach and Wilberforce Being Proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant Located on Lots 1 & 2 DP803452 at the End of Stewarts Lane, Wilberforce, Proposed Effluent Re-Use Sites, Sites for Main Pumping Stations and Associated Reticulation (GS047/003 PT11/EVD/ENH24NAX.V02)**

Ms Lynne Ingham, Mr Michael Seymour, Mr Martin Webb, Ms Sue Gleeson, and Mr Neville Diamond, objectors, addressed the Committee.

A. DETERMINATION

That Council, after examining and considering various matters:-

- (a) the environmental impact of the proposed Three Towns Sewerage Scheme in accordance with Section 111 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;

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- (b) the factors that must be taken into account concerning the impact of an activity on the environment in accordance with Clause 82 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 1994;
- (c) the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Three Towns Sewerage Scheme dated July 1997 prepared by Gutteridge Haskins and Davey Pty Ltd;
- (d) representation made in respect of the EIS; and

pursuant to Section 112(4)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, modify the Three Towns Sewerage Scheme as set out in Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 1

THREE TOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME

Modification of the Proposal

1. The Three Towns Sewerage Scheme shall be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in the Environmental Impact Statement Volumes One, Two and Three prepared for Hawkesbury City Council by Gutteridge Haskins and Davey Pty Ltd dated July 1997 except where changed by the following modifications.
2. The Three Towns Sewerage Scheme to be undertaken in two stages with Stage 1 being restricted to the receipt, treatment of effluent that, when treated, can be re-used by irrigation on the sewage treatment plant site on Lots 1 and 2 DP803452 Stewarts Lane, Wilberforce, and Stage 2 being undertaken to receive the total effluent from the total proposal for the three towns when a minimum of 60ha is available for the treated effluent to be re-used by irrigation and/or agricultural purposes.
3. The development being undertaken in accordance with the general contents of the Department of Land and Water Conservation publication "Environmental Guide for the Management of Local Government Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Services".
4. All access to the sewage treatment plant site for construction traffic and septic tank deliveries to be via the access road off Singleton Road.
5. The following Environmental Management Plans (EMP) shall be prepared by Hawkesbury City Council to the satisfaction of the Environment Protection Authority, Department of Land and Water Conservation, National Parks and Wildlife Service and Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust. The EMPs shall be prepared in accordance with the EIS, the modifications contained in this Schedule, all relevant Acts and Regulations, accepted best practice management plans and shall be made publicly available.

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EMP - Construction Phase

- Erosion and Sedimentation Controls.
- Soil and Water Management Plan.
- Dust Management.
- Flora and Fauna Management (including rural road reserves).
- Noise and Vibration Management.
- Heritage Plan.
- Traffic, Access and Roadworks.
- Waste Management.
- Visual Screening and Landscaping.
- Energy Use.
- Geotechnical Issues.
- Health and Environment Hazards and Risks.
- Monitoring Requirements.
- Record Keeping and Reporting.
- Role of Environmental Manager and Site Personnel.
- Utilities and Servicing.
- Hours of Operation.
- Excavations in or close to St Johns General Cemetery.
- Address, but not be limited to:-
 - i. identification of the statutory and other obligations which the Proponent is required to fulfil during project construction including all approvals and consultations/agreements required from authorities and other stakeholders, and key legislation and policies which control the Proponent's construction of the project;
 - ii. definition of the role, responsibility, authority, accountability and reporting of personnel relevant to the EMP;
 - iii. measures to avoid and/or control the occurrence of environmental impacts;
 - iv. measures (where possible and cost effective) to provide positive environmental offsets to unavoidable environmental impacts;
 - v. environmental management procedures for all construction processes which are important for the quality of the environment in respect of permanent and/or temporary works;

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- vi. monitoring, inspection and test plans for all activities and environmental qualities which are important to the environmental management of the project including performance criteria, specific tests, protocols (eg. frequency and location) and procedures to follow;
- vii. environmental management instructions for all complex environmental control processes which do not follow common practice or where the absence of such instructions could be potentially detrimental to the environment;
- viii. steps the Proponent intends to take to ensure that all plans and procedures are being complied with;
- ix. consultation requirements with relevant government agencies; and
- x. community consultation and notification strategy and complaint handling procedures.

EMP - Operational Phase

- Water Management.
- Wet Weather Infiltration Prevention.
- Air Quality Management.
- Noise and Vibration Management.
- Waste Management.
- Sewage Overflow Clean Up Procedures.
- Preventative Maintenance Requirements.
- Effluent Irrigation Management.
- Energy Use and Measures for Minimisation.
- Health and Environment Hazards and Risks and Public Safety.
- Emergency Response Plans and Action Plan for Complaints.
- Reticulation and Pumping Station Management.
- Flora and Fauna.
- Planting and Landscaping Maintenance.
- Chemical Storage and Handling.
- Monitoring Requirements.
- Timing of Receipt of any External Sewage (tankers).
- Access and Traffic.
- Mosquito Management Procedure.
- Security.

EMP - Monitoring

- Effluent Quality/Quantity.

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- Sewage Overflows.
- Groundwater Quality at the STP and Re-Use Sites.
- Solids Quality and Quantity.
- Soil Monitoring at Re-Use Sites.
- Monitoring of Downstream Water Quality, Including Aquatic Flora and Fauna.
- One-Off Monitoring Events from Time to Time, on Demand, for Odour, Noise and Waste.

6. The Hawkesbury City Council shall develop and implement a community education campaign directed specifically at the Three Town Communities to minimise the potential for increase in water consumption.
7. As part of the EMP - Operational Phase referred to in Item 5(b), Hawkesbury City Council shall prepare a detailed Effluent Irrigation Management Procedure. The Procedure shall require approval by the EPA as part of its licensing requirements. The preparation of the Procedure shall reference the environmental issues and goals set out in relevant guidelines including EPA (1995) Draft Environmental Guidelines For Industry - The Utilisation of Treated Effluent by Irrigation, CSIRO Division of Forestry (1995) Effluent Irrigated Plantations. Design and Management. Technical Paper No. 2 and National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia (1996) Draft Guidelines for Sewerage Systems - Use of Reclaimed Water.

The broad objective of the Procedure shall be to ensure a balance between the loading rates of water, nutrients, salts, organic matter and toxins with the ability of the site and agriculture/silviculture production to convert, absorb, use or store them in a sustainable way. It shall also focus on the ability of the proposal to deal with effluent over the long term with minimal environmental impacts, with the particularly important goal of maintaining the quality of surface and groundwater resources and avoiding soil contamination or structural damage.

The Procedure shall include but not be limited to:-

- i) description of climate including precipitation analysis, evapotranspiration and prevailing wind;
- ii) topography including ground slope, description of adjacent land, erosion potential (ie. soil characteristics) and flood potential;
- iii) identification of land used for irrigation and buffer areas (hectares and metres), proximity and general characteristics of nearest land use types;
- iv) location, general quantity and quality of nearest surface waters;

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- v) water balance including design total annual precipitation (mm/yr), design total annual runoff (mm/yr), design evapotranspiration (mm/yr), design percolation rate (mm/yr) and precautionary discharges;
- vi) organic loading rate (as BOD₅) as kg/ha/day, other constituents loading rate (kg/ha/day);
- vii) monitoring of effluent quantity including design flow, average annual design peak flow at all point(s) of discharge;
- viii) monitoring of quality of drainage water from Creeks draining to Currency Creek within the catchment of the irrigation scheme including concentrations of nitrates, ammonia, total P, salinity and faecal coliforms;
- ix) effluent application rates including length of operating season, application periods, average weekly rate (mm/wk), maximum weekly rate (mm/wk), identification of necessary adjustments to effluent irrigation procedures for variations in effluent quality;
- x) seasonal variations in demand for water and nutrients and related storage requirements, including water balance (ie. amount of effluent applied plus precipitation measured against water lost due to evapotranspiration);
- xi) description of soil characteristics including type, structure, colour, texture, pH, infiltration and percolation potential, soil nutrient and salinity status;
- xii) monitoring of soil including annual monitoring of moisture, soil electrical and hydraulic conductivity, pH, TN, TP and available P (Bray P) sodium, calcium, ammonia, magnesium, potassium (exchangeable cations), exchangeable sodium ratio (ESR) and cation exchange capacity (CEC from exchangeable cations), movements of salinity and nitrate, phosphorus, ammonia, changes to soil structure, phosphorus sorption capacity, organic matter content, and five yearly monitoring (or more frequently if concentrations are detected to be close to the relevant guideline limiting values) of heavy metals, pesticides and fluorides;
- xiii) program for possible amelioration measures including adding fertiliser or lime, flushing of irrigation system, etc.;
- xiv) description of groundwater including depth to groundwater, seasonal variations to water table level, current use of groundwater, location of existing wells on-site and nearby, location of groundwater recharge areas, location and permeability of any protective geological strata above a groundwater aquifer;

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- xv) irrigation methods (ie. flood, spray and drip) and associated measures to reduce potential health hazards to an acceptable level such as establishment of wind breaks and vegetated buffer zones;
- xvi) statement of the conditions when effluent can and cannot be re-used (ie. must be stored or precautionary discharge) including climatic and soil conditions and flow quantity and quality in Currency Creek;
- xvii) management of crops and pastures to be grown, including identification of crops to be grown, use of high quality clonal stock (to maximise growth and avoid speed wobbles), details of planting and harvesting cycles, crop management and practices such as monitoring of health of plants, timing of plantings, ongoing tree care (ie. pruning and thinning, protection against insect and animal damage, fires, management of weeds, etc.);
- xviii) measures to control potential risks to public health, including control of micro-organisms, particularly helminths and protozoa (surrogates such as faecal coliforms, Enterococci, turbidity and suspended solids to be considered), spray drift, stock access, etc.;
- xix) requirements and strategies to ensure storage/ponding of effluent for minimum periods to minimise potential for releasing viruses;
- xx) measures to ensure system reliability and consistency, including power supply, individual treatment units, mechanical equipment, maintenance program, need for flushing of irrigation system and training of personnel; emergency planning.

Items (i) through to (xx) may be varied to suit the particular requirements of the EPA's licence conditions.

A copy of the Procedure shall be made publicly available.

The Procedure shall be monitored on an annual basis and the results provided to the EPA as part of its licensing information requirements.

- 8. Biosolids generated by the operation of the proposal shall be disposed of in accordance with the EPA's guideline, Environmental Guidelines for the Use and Disposal of Biosolids 1996, unless otherwise approved by the EPA.
- 9. Implementation of the general aims and objectives of the report titled, "Currency Creek - Native Vegetation Management Plan" and that planting using suitable mature species be provided along Currency Creek in accordance with the Vegetation Corridor Potential Plan.

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10. Comprehensive field surveys and assessments be made of all construction sites for any items of Aboriginal cultural heritage during the final design stage and prior to the construction phase of the development. If any relics are to be disturbed or are disturbed during the course of work, an excavation permit shall be sought from the Heritage Council of New South Wales.

11. As part of the EMP - Monitoring referred to in Item 5(c), the following is included:-

"Fish and macrionvertebrate populations should be monitored at Currency Creek and reference creeks following the operation of the sewerage system. The predication of environmental impacts (or improvements) for fish and macrionvertebrate populations should be clearly stated and framed with specific hypotheses of expected change, eg. the SIGNAL values for the water way near the STP in Currency Creek will be similar to reference locations at time periods immediately following construction, and six months and one year after operation (when a report will be submitted to NSW Fisheries and requirements for future monitoring will be reviewed)."

- B. That a further report be brought to the Ordinary meeting addressing all of the issues raised at this meeting including ways in which Council can incorporate the adjoining neighbours in this process.

9: Mushroom Substrate Production at Mulgrave (DA0218/90Pt02/GMA/ENH24NAX.G04)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 19 of the Environment Section of the Supplementary business paper.

Councillor Paine declared an interest as her son-in-law is an employee of Elf Mushrooms. Councillor Sheather advised that his sister-in-law is an employee of one of the Tolson group.

Mr Neville Diamond and Ms Kim Smith, objectors, addressed the Committee.

That Council take appropriate action in relation to conditions of consent and advice of that action be reported to the Ordinary Meeting.

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10: Adult Shop, Office and Storage - 487 George Street, South Windsor
(M928/98/EVD/ENH24NAX.V05)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 17 of the Environment Section of the Supplementary business paper.

Mr Allan Vassallo, applicant, addressed the Committee.

Superintendent Bob White, Mr Adrian Bonham, Lynne and Graham Demming, Ms Linda Andrews, Ms Kim Smith, Mr Doug Battersby, Mrs Noeline Reynolds, Ms Toni Campbell, Ms Faye Mohammed and Mr Nathan Zamprogno, objectors, addressed the Committee

That:

1. The information be received; and
2. The application not be supported with appropriate conditions to be brought to the Ordinary meeting.

11: Two (2) Lot Subdivision by Road Severance - Lot 100 DP619260 No. 1741 St Albans Road, St Albans (M 236/99/EVD/ENH24NAX.V08)

Mr Ian Robinson, representing the applicant, addressed the Committee.

That the application be approved with appropriate conditions to be brought to the Ordinary Meeting.

12: Amendment of Local Environmental Plan for Six (6) Lot Community Title Subdivision of Lot 1 DP838854 No. 484 Terrace Road, Freemans Reach (LEP7/99 PT01/EVD/ENH24NAX.V03)

Mr R Patterson, applicant, addressed the Committee.

That a site inspection be carried out.

A site inspection was carried out at 2.00pm. Councillors present at the inspection were the Mayor, Councillor RP Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, A W Baczynskyj, H J M Books, M E Lawson, C A Paine, R D Searle, and L C Sheather

That:

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1. In accordance with Section 54 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Council resolve to prepare a draft Local Environmental Plan to rezone Lot 1 DP838854 Terrace Road, Freemans Reach for the purpose of a six (6) lot community title subdivision.
2. An environmental study is not required as the rezoning is only facilitating in-fill development.

13: Draft Plan of Management for Scheyville National Park and Pitt Town Nature Reserve (GP010/019/ENG/ENH24NBX.E09)

That the information be received and this submission be forwarded to National Parks and Wildlife Service.

14: Draft Local Environmental Plan - Exempt and Complying Development and other Amendments (LEP6/98/EVD/ENH24NBX.V01)

Councillor Paine declared an interest in Item 1 of this recommendation as a relative (son-in-law) is an employee of Elf Mushrooms.

That:

1. The provisions of this Draft LEP as they relate to rural industries be deferred for Lot 191 DP751656 being 1344 Singleton Road, East Kurrajong.
2. The issue of the application of rural industries generally across Council's rural zones be referred to the preparation of the Draft LEP to implement the Hawkesbury Sustainable Agricultural Development Strategy
3. The Draft Local Environmental Plan as attached, as recommended by No. 1 above, be adopted.
4. The amended Draft Local Environmental Plan not be re-exhibited.
5. The Council, under its Section 69 delegation, prepare a report to the Minister of Planning seeking gazettal of the plan.

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15: Hawkesbury Sustainable Agricultural Development Strategy and Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 - Amendments to Rural Zones

(GT150/015/EVD/ENH24NBX.V06)

That:

1. The minutes for the HSADS Committee of 11 August, 1999 be received and the recommendations adopted.
2. The draft local environmental plan - Amendment 108 be placed on public exhibition for a period of three months.
3. The Department of Urban Affairs and Planning be requested to issue a Section 65 Certificate under the provisions of the Environmental planning and Assessment Act 1979 to allow public exhibition.

16: Car Parking - Riverview Street, North Richmond

(P1810.230/240/EVD/ENH24NBX.V07)

That:

1. The Riverview Street Car park, on the corner of Pitt lane and Riverview Street, have the parking arrangements changed, so that there are ten (10) two (2) hour restricted spaces and twenty five (25) unrestricted spaces available for parking in accordance with the layout attached to this report.
2. Signage be erected to reflect these changes and inform users of the car park.

Supplementary Reports

17: Supplementary Report - Adult Shop, Office and Storage - 487 George Street, South Windsor (M 928/98/EVD/ENH24LBX.V10)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 10 of the Environment Section of the business paper.

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18: Tender for construction of Cell 3 at Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility (GT020/373/EVD/ENH24LBX.V11)

Council at its Ordinary Meeting of 10 August, 1999 resolved that the Committee exercise its delegation to determine this matter at this meeting

67 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by Councillor Paine

That:

1. The tender for construction of Cell 3 at Hawkesbury Waste Management Facility for the amount of \$494,130-00 (four hundred and ninety four thousand, one hundred and thirty dollars) submitted by M J & M D Skinner Earthmoving Pty Ltd be accepted.
2. Contracts be signed under the seal of Council with M J & M D Skinner Earthmoving Pty Ltd for construction of cell 3 at Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility at South Windsor.

19: Elf Farm Supplies Pty Ltd (DA0218/90/Pt02DA170/98Pt07GMA/ENH24LAX.G12)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 9 of the Environment Section of the business paper.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

9: Clarendon - Filling at Showground (DA132/96, 1820/R Pt3 NG/INH24NBX.E01)

That the proposal to upgrade and seal Racecourse Road by Mr Dodds with Council undertaking the road design and subgrade assessment be accepted subject to:

- 1 The total project from the commencement of stockpiling until the completion of the project not exceeding three months.
- 2 Stockpiling being undertaken in an acceptable manner with any necessary environmental protection devices being provided.
- 3 The total project including the type and quality of materials being used in the construction of the road being to the satisfaction of the Director of Asset Services and Recreation. And
- 4 A performance bond in the amount of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) be provided.

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10: Capital Assistance Program 1999/2000 - Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing (GG021/172/ENG/INH24NBX.E03)

A letter from the Sports Council and associated petition was tabled by Councillor Sheather.

That applications, as listed in priority order, be supported with the location of the Skate Park to not be nominated at this stage.

11: Open Space in North Richmond (GR030/045, PK/200 and PK/227/ENG/INH24NBX.E02)

That the information be received.

Supplementary Reports

12: Relocation of Council's Community Nursery (P1514/5/ENG/INH24LBX.E04)

That pending approval of the National Heritage Trust, the community nursery be relocated from Wilberforce to the McGraths Hill sewage treatment plant site with the additional funding required to undertake the first stage of the project being provided from the Sewer Reserve.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

8: Monthly Financial Report - July 1999 (GF011/005 PT04/FNC/OGH24NAX.F05)

That the information be received.

9: General Purpose Financial Report and Special Purpose Financial Report for 1998/1999 (GF001/001 PT3, GF001/007 PT1/FNC/OGH24NBX.F04)

Council using its delegation as full Council

68 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by Councillor Paine

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That the Statement in the approved form on the General Purpose Financial Report and the Special Purpose Financial Report for the period ended 30 June 1999, be endorsed in accordance with Section 413 of the Local Government Act and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

10: Request for Donation - Life Education (Hawkesbury) Inc. (GF008/001 PT20/CSV/OGH24NBX.C02)

That Hawkesbury City Council support Hawkesbury Life Education by donating \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) towards its 1999 Audit.

11: Variation of Retail Lease - Shop 3, Wilberforce Shopping Centre (GC283/142/CSV/OGH24NBX.C01)

That the current lease for shop 3, Wilberforce Shopping Centre to McCarthy Bennett Pty Ltd be varied to provide an option for a period of five years commencing the 1 June 2001 and expiring on the 31 May 2006, with a market rent review to be undertaken at the commencement of the option period. Further that the Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documents.

Supplementary Reports

12: Leave of Absence - Councillor RG Sahasrabuddhe (GA030/014/GMA/OGH24LAX.G06)

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Sahasrabuddhe.

13: The Sydney 2000 Games - Community Torchbearers (GR030/056Pt03/GMA/OGH24LAX.G08)

That the information be received.

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RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine seconded by Councillor Searle

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That Councillor Sheather be nominated as a representative on the Judging Panel.

14: Request for use of Governor Macquarie Logo (GC030/028/CSV/OGH24LBX.C07)

That Council endorse the use of Council's Governor Macquarie logo by the Hawkesbury Teachers Association.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Paine referred to the state of the streets in South Windsor and requested that Council look into cleaning up this area, in particular the area in the laneway behind the shops.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

2. Councillor Paine referred to the unregistered yellow truck parked in Thompson Square which is sometimes used as a stage on Sundays. She enquired if this was a permanent fixture in the park and if there was approval for this.

The General Manager advised that there was no approval for this and that Council could take action to ensure this did not happen.

3. Councillor Paine enquired if Windsor Mall had been legally gazetted as a mall or if it was still a public road and if Council were looking at changing this. She advised that taxis were currently using the Mall as a short cut and requested that something be done about it. She also enquired if there was signage regulating traffic.

The General Manager advised that the Mall was a public road, however, Council could regulate traffic from driving through it, apart from emergency vehicles. He agreed that this was an increasing problem and that damage was being caused by the vehicles. He suggested that this was an issue which may need to be addressed by the Chamber and the Operators within the Mall. He advised Councillor Paine that there were no signs as Council had not resolved to do this.

Councillor Paine requested that Council look into a method for policing this.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

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4. Councillor Paine requested that the surface of the car park in Holland's Paddock be repaired as there were numerous pot holes. She enquired if Council could investigate formalising this area as a car park.

The General Manager advised that Council did not own this land, however resurfacing could be investigated.

5. Councillor Paine requested a report on No. 420 Old Stock Route Road, Pitt Town as she has received representations regarding development on this land which is concerning residents, in particular the importing of fill.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

6. Councillor Paine requested a report on the condition of the surface of McMahons Park and the costings to improve the surface and any minor improvements that could be made.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

7. Councillor Baczynskyj referred to a previous question raised in relation to outstanding issues with the School of Arts. He requested a further update on this matter.

The General Manager advised that Council have signed an Agreement and have forwarded a cheque. He advised that to the best of his knowledge the School of Arts were negotiating with all persons to whom debts were outstanding. He further advised that the funds provided by Council were sufficient to pay all of the people involved and that Council would not be involved in any disputes between parties.

Councillor Baczynskyj requested that Council get a statement from the School of Arts on how the funds were expended. He advised that his understanding was that the School of Arts have made part payments of bills.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

8. Councillor Books advised that he has been contacted by Mr Oldfield in Pitt Street, Richmond regarding problems with flooding from the neighbouring pre-school. He advised that the gutters were blocked and there is a kerb which leads the water into Mr Oldfield's property. He also advised that there was a small grate in the pre-school which seemed to be insufficient to cope with the run-off. Councillor Books requested that this be investigated and he be advised of the outcome.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

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9. Councillor Sheather referred to kerb and guttering on Castlereagh Road where a contribution had been paid and work not completed. He requested that this matter be followed up.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

10. Councillor Sheather referred to a drain which runs under Brinsley Park at Pitt Town. He advised that the recent rain has made some of the playing fields unplayable and requested that this be looked into.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

11. Councillor Sheather enquired what the current status of the Grandstand in McQuade Park was due to upcoming events and the effect it is having on sporting clubs which have been utilising other grounds.

The Mayor advised that contracts were signed last week and construction would begin in the near future.

The meeting terminated at 3.40pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 28 September, 1999.

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Mayor