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ITEM: 38 **Licence for Land Use - Council and Transgrid**

FILE NUMBER: P1927/2810 Pt01 & GF10/28/GMA/OGB23NAX.G08

REPORT:

Part of the strategy for the implementation of the improved radio transmission network for the Rural Fire Service in Council's administration is the establishment of a tower and transmission equipment on land fronting the Putty Road at Grassy Hill.

This site is required for transmission to access the north-western part of the City, in particular the Colo Valley and the northern end of Putty Road and will form part of the three tower transmission sites with the other two at Kurrajong Heights and Wisemans Ferry.

The owner of the land (Transgrid) is currently finalising Deeds of Licence between it and users of the site.

The Council has proved the construction of a tower on the site with associated building to house transmission equipment.

At this time it is necessary to sign a Statutory Declaration that the Council's use will be for emergency management and administration and not for commercial purposes and a temporary site access licence agreement. This will be followed later by a permanent Deed of Licence.

Transgrid has indicated they are prepared to revise their normal site licence costs of \$2,400 for establishment and \$2,380 per year based on the proposed use. It is understood that only a nominal fee will be required when their final documentation is completed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Seal of the Council be placed on the documents for the access and licence with Transgrid for land being DP711216 at Grassy Hill, Parish of Melong, County of Hunter.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 39 **Administrative Decisions Tribunal****FILE NUMBER:** GC070/005 Pt15/GMA/OGB23NAX.G01

REPORT:

The New South Wales Administrative Decisions Tribunal commenced operation on 6 October 1998 and has been established to provide a central cost-effective and convenient way for people to:

- obtain review of administrative decisions; and
- have certain general complaints such as discrimination and professional misconduct resolved.

Prior to this the work of the Tribunal was spread among several tribunals and the courts. In this regard the Tribunal replaces the District Court in the Freedom of Information External Review process.

The role of the Tribunal has now been further extended. As from 1 January 1999 the following decisions made under the Impounding Act and the Local Government Act are reviewable by the Tribunal instead of being appealable to the local court or district court;

- the owner of an impounded item can apply to the Tribunal for a review of the decision to impound the item or a review of any fee for charge required to be paid for the release of the item
- a person dissatisfied with the decision of the State Electoral Commissioner or the General Manager on the person's enrolment claim or objection to enrolment can apply to the Tribunal for a review of the decision
- a Councillor or Member or Council staff who is surcharged by a departmental representative can apply to the Tribunal for a review of the decision to surcharge.

Usually a person can apply to the Tribunal for a review of a reviewable decision only if an internal review of the decision has been completed.

As well as being able to review certain decisions, the Tribunal can make original decisions on specified matters. One of these decisions is the making of an order to dismiss a person from civic office ie. the office of Councillor, Mayor, County Council Member or County Council Chairperson. This function was formerly exercised by a local court, the District Court or the Supreme Court. The Tribunal may order the dismissal of a person from civic office if there has been an irregularity in the person's election or appointment to that office or if the person is disqualified from holding civic office.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That this information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 40 **Unique Australian Horsesports - Year 2000 Event - Clarendon Showground**

FILE NUMBER: P1829/810 PT02;GF008/001/GMA/OGB23NAX.G06

REPORT:

The Unique Australian Horsesports is the promotional arm of The Australian Stock Horse Society and Polocrosse Australia, who combined, total in excess of 11,000 members Australia wide. Their aim, along with the Australian Stock Horses, is to promote Australian sports of Polocrosse and Campdrafting, in the year 2000. As a large, well serviced area close to Sydney was required for their activities, after a long search, the Clarendon Showground was chosen.

A local working committee of over 20 people has been formed to prepare for and present a major promotional and competition event in August 2000 at the Showground. This will be preceded by a major parade of horses and related vehicles through the streets of Richmond and Windsor.

Prior to the Hawkesbury Championships, the organisation will be hosting the Heritage Horse Ride around Australia, which will commence in Broome, Western Australia, and meet 120 days later on the steps of the Sydney Opera House. They will also be providing the Showcase Fillers at the time of the Olympic Equestrian events.

A request has been received from the Unique Australian Horsesports for Council to receive a delegation so that they can inform Council of their planned activities.

Arrangements have been made for representatives of the organisation to address the General Purpose Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **41****ITEM: 41** **Monthly Financial Report for January 1999****FILE NUMBER:** GF011/005 PT04/FNC/OGB23NAX.F03**REPORT:****January 1999****A. Expenditure Warrant Number 7 of 1998/99**

Summary of Accounts Paid:

Cheque # 60750- 61262	\$1,208,023.79
EFT # 8022 - 8407	\$1,077,242.20
Family Day Care Payments	\$20,864.00
RTGS Transactions	\$300,000.00
Cancelled Cheques	\$-20,093.21
Misc - Bank Charges, Dishonours etc.	\$13,429.46
	<u>\$2,599,466.24</u>

B. Cash Book Reconciliation - January 1999

Cash Book Balance as at 1 January 1999	\$-85,398.58
Add: Receipts for month of January	<u>\$1,895,184.51</u>
	\$1,809,785.93
Less: Payments for month of January	<u>\$-2,599,466.24</u>
Cash Book Balance as at 31 January 1999	<u>\$-789,680.31</u>

C. Statement of Bank Balances - January 1999

Bank Statement Balance as at 31 January 1999	\$94,221.31
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$-526,434.07</u>
	\$-432,212.76
Add: Outstanding Deposits	\$99,039.04
Statement Credits not receipted	<u>\$-456,506.59</u>
	<u>\$-789,680.31</u>

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Investment Type	Balance 31-Dec-98	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Paid	Balance 31-Jan-99
Managed Funds	21,710,991.00			89,365.04	21,800,356.04
On Call Funds	3,950,000.00	300,000.00	925,000.00		3,325,000.00
Term Investments	950,000.00				950,000.00
TOTAL	26,610,991.00	300,000.00	925,000.00	89,365.04	26,075,356.04

Responsible Accounting Officer

The summary warrant is fully supported by vouchers and invoices which have been duly certified.

The detailed warrant is available upon request.

The Cash Book and Bank Statements have been reconciled as at 31 January, 1999.

The investments outlined above are the total of all funds that have been invested. All investments have been made in accordance with the Act, Regulations and Council's investment policies.

The Rate Book has been reconciled as at 31 January, 1999.

Geoff Banting
Responsible Accounting Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 42 **Proposed Road Closure and Purchase - Part Griffins Road, Tennyson**

FILE NUMBER: GR080/062 PT01/CSV/OGB23NBX.C05

REPORT:

An application has been received from Bowdens Surveyors requesting the closure of an unnecessary section of Griffins Road, Tennyson which adjoins the property of their clients, Tarangau Investments Pty Ltd, identified as Lot 114 in Deposited Plan 806096.

The section of the road is unformed, vacant land comprising an area of 7424 square metres. The adjoining land is zoned Rural 1(b). Public consultation has been undertaken, with no objections being received. The adjoining owners have given their express consent to the proposal with the initial application.

Council's consultant valuer, has recommended that the offer by the applicant of \$11,270.00 for the purchase of the land be accepted. Upon closure the applicant will be required to consolidate the area of closed road with their existing lot (Lot 114 DP806096) and will be responsible for all costs associated with the application including application fees, survey fees, registration fees and legal costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council support the closure of an unnecessary section of Griffins Road, Tennyson, adjoining Lot 114 in Deposited Plan 806096 and comprising an area of 7424 square metres, generally in accordance with Bowdens plan 9602/100 A.
2. Council as the roads authority apply to the Department of Land and Water Conservation for the closure of the unnecessary section of Griffins Road, Tennyson, to be vested in Council as operational land, and transferred to Tarangau Investments Pty Ltd.
3. Tarangau Investments Pty Ltd enter a deed of agreement to:
 - meet all costs associated with the application
 - consolidate the closed road area with their adjoining property Lot 114 DP 806096.
 - pay Council consideration of \$11,270.00 for the closed road area.
4. All necessary documents be completed under the Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 43 **Youth Strategic Plan - Update****FILE NUMBER:** GC210/014/CSV/OGB23NBX.C04

REPORT:

The *Hawkesbury Youth Strategic Plan 1997-1999* was formally endorsed for implementation by Council at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on the 8th April, 1998. This report is intended to provide an update on progress in the implementation of the Plan and outline the future directions for the remainder of the life of the Youth Strategic Plan (YSP).

The YSP achievements to date have been impressive. These achievements include;

- The securing of \$420,000 from the Western Sydney Area Assistance Scheme (WSAAS) to establish the Youth Transport Project which, since its inception, has transported 6,000 young people,
- The securing of \$16,000 from WSAAS for a youth activities program - to date five "Hawkesbury Rocks" events have been held.
- The securing of \$20,000 from WSAAS to contribute to the employment of a Youth Strategic Plan Implementation Officer.
- The development of a Crime Prevention Strategy which has been formally endorsed by the Attorney General's Department as a *Safer Community Compact*. This process will have enabled Council to apply for funding from the Department - positive indications have been received in relation to a proposed \$120,000 application seeking funds to purchase a Youth Access Bus; to develop a Youth Streetbeat Program; to establish a Youth Advisory Committee; and to upgrade lighting at the Showground to improve safety and surveillance during youth events held at this venue.
- The inclusion of a Youth Page in the Hawkesbury Gazette drafted and edited by Young People - three issues of the Youth Page have been printed to date.
- The funding and implementation of a number of cultural and recreational initiatives by YSP partners.
- The production of a Youth Services Directory and Youth Suicide Information Card.

These joint-initiatives have contributed to the building of strong and positive partnerships between Council, community organisations, young people, local Police and other government agencies. The collaboration between these groups has been responsible for delivering outcomes which have improved services and facilities for young people in the Hawkesbury.

Future Directions

To consolidate and build upon the achievements to date, the following work will be undertaken in the next 12 months;

- a formal review of the achievements of the six YSP task forces to identify priorities for possible implementation during 1999 - a forum is to be held during Youth Week to enable YSP partners and young people to contribute to this process;
- the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee to strengthen the capacity for young people to actively participate in the YSP process;
- the improved and more efficient integration of the YSP committee with Hawkesbury Youth Interagency through the staging of joint-committee meetings;
- (when funded) the implementation of crime prevention initiatives which will enhance the effectiveness of existing YSP projects; and
- the identification of a strategy to sustain the impetus generated by the Youth Strategic Plan - this strategy will ensure that a process for planning for the delivery of improved outcomes for young people will be incorporated within the Hawkesbury Social Planning Process.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 44 **McDonald's Family Restaurant - McGraths Hill**

FILE NUMBER: GC283/026/CSV/OGB23NBX.C02

REPORT:

It is noted that McDonald's Australia leases from Council the site on which the McDonald's Family Restaurant is located at McGraths Hill.

The lease was originally entered into in 1986 and although the initial ten (10) year term has expired, McDonald's has exercised the first of the three, ten year option periods. Effectively, the lease is for a period of forty (40) years and it is noted that the current annual rental is \$35,000 (thirty five thousand dollars).

McDonald's have recently lodged an application for improvements and extensions to the restaurant including a children's playground area with the cost of these works to be in the order of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) and due to the significance of the proposed investment in the site, they seek Council's agreement to a variation of lease to include a further option to renew for ten (10) years. The option would be on the same terms and conditions as the existing agreement with it being noted that rental is reviewed to market at the commencement of each option period and to the lesser of either 9% or the Consumer Price Index for Sydney, every two (2) years.

In view of the investment and proposed improvements to the restaurant, the potential for increased employment opportunities and the significant long term rental returns provided to Council, the request is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That McDonald's Australia Limited be granted an additional ten (10) year option for the lease of the McDonald's Family Restaurant site located on the Cnr. Groves Avenue and Windsor Road at McGraths Hill and that the necessary documentation be completed under Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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