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ITEM: 19 **Circus Joseph Ashton Application for use of Hanna Park, North Richmond**

FILE NUMBER: PK/225/ENG/INK30NBX.E02

PREVIOUS ITEM: 15, Ordinary (10.08.1999)

REPORT:

A report was submitted to Council's ordinary meeting on 10 August 1999 regarding an application from Circus Joseph Ashton to hold a circus performance in Hanna Park, North Richmond. The circus does not use animals as part of the performance. The adopted recommendations were:

"That:

1. *Council support the proposal by Circus Joseph Ashton to submit a development application for a circus event in Hanna park subject to concurrence being gained from Rubber Latex Laboratories Pty Ltd; and*
2. *Should the application be approved, Council agree to use of the park subject to normal fees and conditions for park bookings."*

Circus Joseph Ashton now wish to lodge a development application and consequently, further discussions have been held with event organisers especially in relation to normal fees for commercial/corporate use of public reserves. The applicable fees are:

Refundable Bond	\$750
Park Use Fee	\$1,000 per day or \$1 per person whichever is greater

Other fees are involved where rubbish disposal is required. The park use fee (for commercial/corporate use) is approximately double the fee charged for sporting/community events which is \$600 per day or \$1 per person.

Circus Joseph Ashton have made representations to have this fee substantially reduced. The income is quite limited considering that the circus tent holds a maximum of 300 people, and entry charges are an average of \$6 per person. It then becomes quite obvious that the income derived would not cover the standard park use fees along with other costs associated with operating a Circus. It is suggested that all efforts should be made to encourage recreation activities such as the Circus, and that a reduced park use fee of \$100 per day be implemented should the development application be approved. The refundable bond should remain in place. Circus Joseph Ashton wish to use Hanna Park from Friday 4 February to Sunday 20 February 2000, however can not continue with the application if the park use fee is not reduced.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a reduced park use fee of \$100 (one hundred dollars) per day be implemented in this instance should the development application for Circus Joseph Ashton be approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 20 Enhancement of Memorial Park, Kurrajong**FILE NUMBER:** PK/008/ENG/INK30NBX.E03

REPORT:

Memorial Park is an attractive public space in the centre of the historic township of Kurrajong. The park is well utilised by local residents and tourists alike, and is gaining popularity with events such as Carols by Candlelight and the annual Scarecrow Festival.

Memorial Park is currently a very simple area with few structures and very basic facilities including accessible amenities, playground, minimal park furniture and a war memorial. Requests for enhancement of the park have been received for a number of years, with the Kurrajong Small Business Forum, Kurrajong RSL sub-branch and the Scarecrow Festival committee all making representations.

Community consultation has occurred during 1999, and a landscape design plan has been developed by landscape architects in response to the issues raised. The plan retains a very simple design for the park whilst incorporating features that address the issues raised by the local community. The main issues raised include provision of a suitable stage, power, walking paths and access into the park especially for the elderly and those less able to access the park via the current steep embankment, retaining suitable vehicle access especially to the stage area, lighting of the war memorial, renewal of the paving and construction of a fence around the war memorial, park furniture and picnic shelter, and remove unsightly vegetation on steep embankment around the reserve.

The features of the design that are planned to address these issues include:

- C The placement of a stage in the location of the existing benched area in the centre of the park;
- C A power source with three single phase and one 3 phase outlet has been installed in close proximity to the stage;
- C Refurbishment of the surrounds of the memorial including relaying the paving, installation of a metal fence and floodlighting;
- C Landscaping of the steep embankments including retaining walls where required, minimal tree removal to ensure appropriate view of the stage, planting of shade trees in appropriate locations, and planting along the roadside boundary of the car park;
- C Formalisation of the car park;
- C Pedestrian footpath from the entrance at the fire station linking the amenities, playground and war memorial, and through to the opposite corner of the park;
- C Construction of a park entrance structure;
- C Kerb and gutter of the remaining section of the park (Old Bells Line of Road);
- C Installation of picnic shelters, BBQ and park furniture.

Consultation has occurred recently specifically in relation to the stage. Two designs are being considered, the first was designed by members of the local community. It is a very simple design

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and is estimated to cost in the order of \$40,000. The second proposal is a design provided by our American sister city, Temple City. It is much more formal and decorative and is estimated to cost in the order of \$75,000. Representation was received from the local community, and the strong preference is for the first stage especially in light of the significant cost difference. The design is currently being 'updated' by the consultants who have provided the landscape design for the park.

Cost estimates that were provided for implementation of the design total approximately \$260,000 and consequently, the project is required to be done in stages. The following is a summary of the costings and the suggested stages:

Stage 1 Priorities

	<i>Cost Estimate</i>
Site Preparation (including retention of topsoil and disposal of spoil etc)	\$1,500
Tree Removal (four trees)	\$2,000
Earthworks (regrade amphitheatre, grade paths and planting areas)	\$4,000
Retaining Walls	\$19,585
Concrete Works (pedestrian footpath, steps & furniture slabs)	\$19,450
Relocate Mill Wheel and Plaque (due to required earthworks)	\$1,000
Park Furniture	\$12,000
Upgrade War Memorial	\$5,595
Planting (embankment plantings only)	\$43,750
Garden Edging and Turf	\$6,470
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$115,350</i>

Stage 2 Priorities

	<i>Cost Estimate</i>
Kerb and Gutter	\$3,500
Car Park upgrade	\$13,174
BBQ	\$3,200
Stage	\$40,000
Park Furniture	\$10,000
Planting (shade trees, screen plantings)	\$19,475
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$89,349</i>

Stage 3 Priorities

	<i>Cost Estimate</i>
Playground and Softball Replacement	\$35,000
Park Entry Structure	\$12,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$47,000</i>

Funding for the project is proposed from the Park Improvement Program and S94 contributions, and there may be potential for attracting WSAAS funds for the stage, and Capital Assistance funds for

the playground. The Section 94 plan has already identified two projects for Memorial Park, namely \$10,000 for the installation of a picnic shelter and \$26,000 as future landscaping project. The funds for the picnic shelter are now available, which would then require a total of \$105,350 from the Park Improvement Program to complete stage 1.

The entire Park Improvement Program budget is \$250,000 per year, of which 50% is expended on 20 structured sporting facilities and 50% on the remaining 102 unstructured public reserves. Therefore, to complete stage 1 of Memorial Park Enhancement, nearly two thirds of the entire PIP for general parks is required. Whilst this severely limits other improvements and capital works, it is suggested that a satisfactory result will not be achieved if the project is broken down into more than the three stages outlined.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the draft landscape design plan for Memorial Park, Kurrajong be adopted and advertised for community comment.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 21 Road Funding**FILE NUMBER:** GG021/074, GR120/002Pt3/ENG/INK30NBX.E04**REPORT:**

As previously reported an amount of \$89,230 is available under the Local Roads component of the 1999/2000 Financial Assistance Grant. Advice has also been received that \$128,000 is conditionally available under the 3 x 3 Fuel Levy Program for roadworks, provided certain criteria are achieved such as Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR).

It is suggested that the Financial Assistance Grant be utilised as follows:

- 1 Golden Valley Drive Glossodia - an amount of \$537,830 was provided in the 1997/1998 Construction Program to provide kerb and gutter with associated drainage and roadworks in Golden Valley Drive Glossodia. Due to wet weather this work has been delayed and is now nearing completion. The depth of the drainage lines required to carry stormwater from the road has dictated that additional piping is required through private property to ensure that the outlet to the drainage system does not create a danger or nuisance to landholders where the drainage outlets are situated. An additional \$70,000 is required to complete these works.
- 2 Mileham/Day Streets, Windsor - Drainage Works. The Environment Protection Authority has requested that a stormwater drainage pipeline which currently terminates part way through a property on the corner of Day and Mileham Streets Windsor and drains a substantial catchment including part of Macquarie and Mileham Streets, be extended through to Day Street as there have been complaints of debris including syringes being left at the outlet to the pipe following rain events. The estimated cost to undertake this work is \$7,000.
- 3 Grose View Public School - Children's Crossing. The Local Traffic Committee at its meeting of 19 November 1999 has recommended that a Children's Crossing be provided in Grose Wold Road, Grose Wold adjacent to the Grose View Public School and this matter will come before Council for determination at its Ordinary Meeting in December. Should Council support this recommendation it is suggested that the \$12,230 remaining be utilised as part of the funding for this project.

In relation to the 3 x 3 Funding it is suggested that the funding be utilised on the rehabilitation of George Street, South Windsor between Argyle and Campbell Streets. Funding of \$145,000 has already been allocated in the 1999/2000 Works Program for the rehabilitation of this section of George Street, including the reconstruction of certain sections of kerb and guttering, however, it is therefore considered appropriate to utilise the 3 x 3 Funding on the George Street project and re-allocate Council's component on the following projects:

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Turpentine Grove, Blaxlands Ridge - full length	\$25,000
East Kurrajong Road - various sections	\$38,000
Slopes Road, North Richmond - rehabilitate section fronting properties 405-409	\$8,000
George Street, South Windsor - rehabilitate section adjacent to shops in the vicinity of Macquarie Street including the intersection of James Street	\$15,000
Mileham Street, South Windsor - rehabilitate section in the vicinity of Bell Street	\$15,000
Phipps Road, Maraylya - various sections	\$11,000
Spinks and Creek Ridge Roads intersection	\$16,000
	<u>\$128,000</u>

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- 1 The Financial Assistance Grant funding be allocated to
 - a) additional drainage at Golden Valley Drive, Glossodia - \$70,000 (seventy thousand dollars)
 - b) extend the pipeline at the intersection of Day/Mileham Streets, Windsor - \$7,000 (seven thousand dollars) and,
 - c) Children's Crossing Grose View Public School, Grose Wold - \$12,230 (twelve thousand two hundred and thirty dollars).
- 2 The 3 x 3 Funding be allocated to the rehabilitation of George Street between Argyle and James Streets.
- 3 The equivalent amount of the 3 x 3 Funding previously allocated to the rehabilitation of George Street be reallocated to the following program:

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 22 NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 - Recent Determinations

FILE NUMBER: GE020/055/ENG/INK30NCX.E05

REPORT:

The *NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 Act* provides for the protection of threatened flora and fauna species, populations and ecological communities. The presence of any listed species, population or community imparts a set of obligations onto parties seeking development consent, and on the consent authorities, in relation to development which is likely to significantly affect their habitat.

Some Key Definitions Include

- C **Population** means a group of organisms, all of the same species, occupying a particular area.

- C **Ecological community** means an assemblage of species occupying a particular area.

- C A **species, population, or ecological community** is eligible to be listed as **endangered** if, in the opinion of the Scientific Committee, it is likely to become extinct in nature in New South Wales unless the circumstances and factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease to operate

- C A **species** is eligible to be listed as a **vulnerable species** if, in the opinion of the Scientific Committee, the species is likely to become endangered unless the circumstances and factors threatening its survival or evolutionary development cease to operate.

- C **Threatening process** means a process that threatens, or may have the capability to threaten, the survival or evolutionary development of species, populations or ecological communities.

- C A threatening process is eligible to be listed as a key threatening process if, in the opinion of the Scientific Committee, it adversely affects 2 or more threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or could cause species, populations or ecological communities that are not threatened to become threatened.

Within the Hawkesbury LGA, nearly 50 animal species, over 50 plant species and 5 ecological communities have been listed as threatened or vulnerable under this Act. Since July this year Council has been notified of the following preliminary and final determinations by the NSW Scientific Committee.

Preliminary Determinations

The Scientific Committee, after considering a nomination, must make a preliminary determination as to whether the nomination should be supported. Any person or organisation may forward written submissions to the Scientific Committee about a preliminary determination and the Scientific Committee must consider all written submissions received.

Endangered Species

Leucopogon fletcheri subsp. *fletcheri*

- C A small densely branched shrub to 1.8m high. Grows in woodland on flat or gently sloping terrain along ridges and spurs.
- C The known local populations occur in St Albans and Blaxlands Ridge.
- C Its habitat has been subject to rural and rural-residential use, and is exposed to potential damage from recreational vehicle use, horse riding, erosion, and weed invasion.

Vulnerable Species

Callistemon linearifolius

- C A shrub that reaches 3-4m high and grows in dry sclerophyll forest on the coast and adjacent ranges.
- C Recent records in the Sydney area restrict its distribution to the Hornsby Plateau near the Hawkesbury River, with only 5-6 populations being located.
- C One population was recorded within Yengo National Park in the north of the LGA.
- C The species is threatened by continuing loss of habitat due primarily to urban development.

Endangered Ecological Community

Castlereagh Swamp Woodland Community

- C This ecological community is generally woodland in structure, characterised by *Eucalyptus parramattensis* subsp. *parramattensis* and *Melaleuca decora*.
- C Small billabongs and/or wetlands may occur within this community, and the understorey may be seasonally waterlogged.
- C Occurrences of this community are all less than 100 hectares in size and are restricted to low-lying terrain.
- C They are subject to weed invasion related to nutrient enrichment from surrounding urban and rural areas, as well as from direct destruction from hobby farm, rural and residential development.
- C The local occurrence of this community is located on the University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury campus along The Driftway.

Endangered Ecological Community *Western Sydney Dry Rainforest*

- C This community is characterised by a wide variety of species, including *Alphitonia excelsa* (Red Ash), *Pandorea pandorana* (Wonga-Wonga Vine), and *Trema aspera* (Native Peach).
- C The structure of the community was originally a canopy of dry vine thicket rainforest, with a similar understorey as eucalypt forest or woodland. As a result of partial clearance it may now exist as woodland or shrub land.

- C It is typically associated with gullies and sheltered slopes of hilly, relatively steep sections of the elevated Cumberland Plain.
- C Occurrences of this community are less than 2 hectares in size and are mostly located on private property.
- C The main threats to remnant areas of this community are clearing and weed invasion.
- C The local occurrences of this community are in Grose Vale and Cattai.

Key Threatening Process *High Frequency Fire resulting in the disruption of life cycle processes in plants and animals and loss of vegetation structure and composition*

- C "High frequency fire is defined as two or more successive fires close enough together in time to interfere with or limit the ability of plants or animals to recruit new individuals into a population, or for plants to build up a seedbank sufficient in size to maintain the population through the next fire."
- C In other words, very regular fires will lead to a loss of plant species, a reduction in vegetation structure and a corresponding loss of animal species.
- C Unfortunately no one time limit can be used as an acceptable time between fires for the maintenance of biodiversity across the state.
- C The specific frequency of fire that will be detrimental to a species or community will vary from place to place, depending upon the survival mechanisms that the species or community exhibit, and local conditions.
- C High frequency fire and inappropriate fire regimes have been identified as threats to a number of species and communities that occur in the Hawkesbury LGA, including: Cumberland Plain Woodland, Sydney Coastal River Flat Forest, and Shale Sandstone Transition Forest.

A report is currently being developed in response to the preliminary determinations.

Final Determinations

After reviewing all submissions the Scientific Committee can make a Final Determination to list the nomination under the Act. All affected parties must be notified of this determination.

Vulnerable Species

Melaleuca deanei

- C A shrub to 3m high with fibrous-flaky bark, that grows in heath on sandstone. Its main occurrences are in the Ku-ring-gai/Berowra area and the Holsworthy/Wedderburn area.
- C There are also more isolated occurrences in the Blue Mountains.
- C There are approximately 75 known locations of the species with the majority of these containing only a few individuals.
- C The species has a limited capacity to regenerate, with few seedlings being recorded.
- C Threats include the small size of populations, regimes of frequent fire, and urban development.
- C This species has not been recorded in the Hawkesbury LGA.

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Endangered Species

Acacia bynoeana

- C An erect or spreading shrub, 0.2-1m high, that mainly occurs in heath and dry sclerophyll forest on sandy soils.
- C The species is currently known from about 30 locations, with the majority only supporting very small populations (1-5 plants).
- C The species occurs locally in Castlereagh Woodland and the Agnes Banks sand community.
- C The main threats are habitat disturbance, clearing, weed invasion and frequent fire.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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