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ITEM: 13 Wilberforce School of Arts**FILE NUMBER:** P2355/380 Pt2, GC318/002, GH001/009/ENG/INJ26NBX.E02

REPORT:

Council at its Ordinary meeting of 7 September 1999 in consideration of a report regarding tenders for the rehabilitation of the Wilberforce School of Arts, resolved that a report be brought to Council on the cost to build a new hall in Wilberforce.

This matter has been reported to Council on numerous occasions and a copy of the individual reports since March 1998 which outline the history of the School of Arts has been forwarded separately with the business paper. In relation to the construction of a new community centre it will be noted within the reports that the estimated cost of Stage I of a new community centre at the intersection of William Street and King Road, Wilberforce is \$350,000. The building could be developed over three stages and plans will be displayed at the meeting.

Expenditure incurred on the hall over the past 10 years is \$17,350 made up of \$9,052 of maintenance and repair and \$8,298 for services. Services include water rates, land rates, insurance and electricity charges.

With regard to the tender which was reported to the September meeting, the builder has been contacted and has indicated that his tender for the main reconstruction work would need to be increased to \$139,749 (an increase of \$1,523.00) and for the additional work \$20,878 (an increase of \$333.00). The total cost of the tender, at \$160,627 (an increase of \$1,856) is still \$24,673 less than the next lowest tender.

The options which would appear to be open to Council in relation to this matter are:

- Plans and specification complete with estimate of cost be prepared for the construction of a new community building at the intersection of William Street and King Road, Wilberforce.
- There be further negotiations with the Principal and Parents and Citizens Association of the Wilberforce Primary School regarding community use of the school hall facilities.
- - The Tender of Hinchey and Cross Pty Ltd (as revised) for the rehabilitation and additional works at the Wilberforce School of Arts in the total sum of \$160,627 be accepted and any necessary documents be executed under seal.
 - Funding for the total project be provided from the Building Maintenance Budget.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Previous reports to Council distributed as a separate attachment

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ITEM: 14 Bicycle Network**FILE NUMBER:** GG021/193 Pt3/ENG/INJ26NBX.E05

REPORT:

Mr D Bathersby representing Cyclists Action Movement West (CAMWest) has made representations to Councillors to reactivate the Bicycle Steering Committee.

The original steering committee was established to investigate the provision of a sub-regional bicycle network in the Windsor/Richmond area. The committee met on numerous occasions and consulted with the general public to identify the preferred network including a public meeting for interested parties and a survey of all schools, both private and public within the proposed catchment area, the TAFE and University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury.

Council adopted the sub-regional bicycle network on 2 May 1995 and the Roads & Traffic Authority allocated \$620,000 for works on local roads which generally included widening where appropriate and the provision of line-marking and signs to identify the network. The Authority undertook similar works on the main road system as part of their commitment to the network with in excess of \$1million being spent on the provision of cycle ways throughout the Windsor/Richmond area. The committee having fulfilled its original charter was dissolved.

The Roads & Traffic Authority provide a grant of \$50,000 per annum which is matched on a dollar for dollar basis by Council for works on the bicycle network and these funds are usually utilised in the provision of cycle ways identified on the cycleway plan and where possible carried out in conjunction with road rehabilitation works on those routes.

The issues outlined by Mr Bathersby appear to be more maintenance oriented than matters which require the deliberation of a committee and if particular concerns were forwarded, maintenance attention could be given as a matter of course where appropriate.

In relation to the request to appoint a cyclist to the Local Traffic Committee this Committee is constituted as follows:

Formal Members:

One representative from each of the following:

Council
NSW Police Service
Roads & Traffic Authority
Local Member of State Parliament

Informal Members (non-voting)

One representative from the following organisations as appropriate to the traffic facility under discussion at the Committee.

Urban Transit Authority
Department of Motor Transport
Private Bus Operators
Transport Workers Union
NSW Taxi Council
Local Taxi Co-operatives/Operators
Others

The Committee is an advisory body to Council, and “advice” constitutes the majority view of the formal members of the Committee, having taken into consideration all views.

At present, no informal members attend meetings of the Local Traffic Committee, principally because matters requiring comment by those members appear infrequently before the Committee and their present commitments preclude attendances of every meeting.

Administrative arrangements exist whereby the views of a relevant informal member are sought for inclusion in reports submitted to the Committee. This procedure has worked effectively.

Aside from maintenance issues (which are addressed previously in this report), it is difficult to recall any cycling matter requiring a policy direction by the Local Traffic Committee.

Given this background, the most viable option would be to extend existing administrative procedures to the Cyclists Action Movement West (CAMWest) as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 15 Competitive Tendering on State Roads**FILE NUMBER:** GR120/002Pt3/ENG/INJ26NBX.E04

REPORT:

A newspaper article in the Sun Herald on Sunday 10 October 1999 was headlined “Strike to Rescue the Jobs of 1700” the article outlined that Council workers throughout New South Wales could go on strike over a State Government plan to introduce competitive tendering for roadworks.

Within the article it was also stated that Sydney Councils stand to lose up to \$8.5 million with Hawkesbury, Penrith, Blue Mountains and Hornsby taking the biggest knocks.

Further research into the article has revealed that the Roads & Traffic Authority provided a schedule outlining the potential effects in terms of nominal Council funding from the Roads & Traffic Authority for works that are likely to be tendered. The amount indicated in the schedule pertinent to this Council is \$3,305,000.

This Council does not carry out works on behalf of the Roads & Traffic Authority in terms of maintenance and construction on state roads ie Windsor Road, Bells Line of Road and Putty Road and the figure provided by the Authority relates to current expenditure by the Authority on those state roads outlined.

Whilst the net effect in the metropolitan areas of competitive tendering, depending on the level of service adopted by the Roads & Traffic Authority, would not be significant other than the movement of staff from the public to the private sector, there could very well be a significant affect on the smaller rural communities in the west of the state. Should a major contractor be successful in tendering for works in these areas it would most likely mean Council staff previously undertaking works on behalf of the Roads & Traffic Authority would become redundant.

A request for support has been received from the Mayor of Kyogle Council to lobby the Premier and Minister Scully, the Minister for Roads to implement a policy reflecting the position of the Shires Association Conference adopted on 2 June that “as State Government services, Roads & Traffic Authority construction works in regional and rural communities should be offered to Councils, under agreed benchmarks, and not be subject to competitive tendering”.

The Minister for Roads, the Hon Carl Scully MP, has recently announced that as a result of on-going representations he has referred social impacts aspects of implementing competitive tendering to be considered as one of the terms of reference of the State Parliament Standing Committee on State Development Inquiry into the issue.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the resolution of the Shires Association in relation to competitive tendering on State roads in regional and rural communities.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 16 **East Market Street, Richmond - Temporary Closure - Richmond RSL Sub-Branch**

FILE NUMBER: 515/R PT04/ENG/INJ26NBX.E01

REPORT:

Application has been made for temporary closure of East Market Street, Richmond from 10.45am-11.15am, Thursday, 11 November, 1999 to conduct a Remembrance Day Service.

Closure is sought as participants congregate on the road facing the War Memorial and has occurred over the last several years.

The Local Traffic Committee, at its meeting held on 15 October, 1999 resolved to support closure subject to:

1. *The NSW Police Service undertaking traffic control duties at the March and Windsor Streets intersections with East Market Street; and*
2. *Requirements of the Roads and Traffic Authority being met.*

As the service will occur prior to the Ordinary meeting it will be necessary for Council to determine the application at this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application be approved subject to:

1. The NSW Police Service undertaking traffic control duties at the March and Windsor Streets intersection with East Market Street; and
2. The requirements of the Roads and Traffic Authority being met.
3. The Committee exercise its delegation of the Whole Council to resolve this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 17 **Reclaim the Night March and Rally, Richmond - Hawkesbury Area Women and Kids Collective Inc.**

FILE NUMBER: GF008/001 PT21/ENG/INJ26NBX.E03

REPORT:

The Hawkesbury Area Women and Kids Collective Inc. have written to Council advising that the inaugural Hawkesbury Reclaim the Night March and Rally will be held during 6.00pm-9.00pm, Friday, 29 October, 1999 and are seeking temporary closure of Bosworth and Windsor Streets, Richmond and use of both Richmond Oval and a section of Richmond Park.

Reclaim the Night marches and rallies are organised by groups of women around the world annually and are a peaceful protest against all forms of violence against women and children.

Road Closure

The March will marshall on the grounds of the Women's Cottage, thence proceed onto Bosworth Street and Windsor Street into Richmond Park. The period of closure is to be from 6.00pm-7.15pm.

It is understood that the NSW Police Service will be in attendance at the march and will undertake necessary traffic control. A traffic management plan has been forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority.

The Local Traffic Committee, at its meeting held on 15 October, 1999, resolved to recommend to Council that the road closures be supported.

Standard conditions, as outlined in the recommendation, will apply.

Richmond Oval/ Richmond Park

Use of Richmond Oval has been granted by Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc.

In using Richmond Oval the collective is seeking provision of a stage, rubbish receptacles, power and waiving of the damage bond.

Activities within the reserve/oval are essentially information stalls to promote local services. Proceeds from the night, raised through donations or the sale of promotional material, will be used to cover organisational costs; no profit will be made from the event for organisational/personal gain.

The stage can be provided at a cost of \$95.00 (ninety five dollars) and ten (10) serviced rubbish receptacles for \$140.00 (one hundred and forty dollars).

As the event is proposed prior to the Ordinary meeting it will be necessary that the matter be resolved at this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Temporary road closures be approved in relation to Bosworth and Windsor Streets, Richmond during 6.00pm-7.15pm, Friday, 29 October, 1999.
 - i. The applicant undertaking a letter drop to all affected residents and businesses; and
 - ii. Access being maintained for residents and their visitors as well as emergency vehicles.
2. Approval be granted for use of Richmond Park for this event subject to:
 - i. The applicant complying with all conditions imposed by Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc. in granting use of Richmond Oval;
 - ii. The applicant paying the following charges:
 - (1) Stage - \$95.00 (ninety five dollars)
 - (2) Serviced rubbish receptacles - \$140.00 (one hundred and forty dollars)
 - iii. The applicant submitting a copy of a Public Liability Policy in the amount of \$10 million, with Council's interests noted thereon;
 - iv. The area being left clean and tidy upon completion of the event; and
 - v. Noise levels to be kept to a reasonable level.
3. Payment of the damage bond of \$750.00 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) be waived on this occasion.
4. The Committee exercise its delegation of the Whole Council to resolve this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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