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1. RICHMOND MAIN STREET - FIDDLE FESTIVAL GT070/024 Pt01

I have been advised by the Richmond Main Street Committee that they are proposing to hold a Fiddle Festival in the next two years.

The Festival will be centred around the main street and involve numerous musicians from a range of ages playing the fiddle instrument.

From what I have been informed, it would provide both a good cultural experience and considerable opportunities for the town's businesses.

The Committee has sought the support of the Council in terms of correspondence, so they can seek sponsorship. The Council already supports the Chamber and the Main Street Program with a significant financial donation of $77,000.

I would recommend that the Council provide letters of support for the Richmond Main Street Program and specifically, for the Fiddle Festival to be held in the next two years.

2. WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

There have been recent meetings of the Windsor Main Street Committee where the members have indicated a desire to discuss with the Council a number of proposals and issues that surround the Town Centre's ongoing healthy development.

During the 1980's the Council developed the Mall, restored Thompson Square, was instrumental in development of the complex that includes Franklins, and redeveloped Howe Park and the wharf area. These were all substantial gains for the town at a time when commercial areas were being developed at North Richmond, Wilberforce and Glossodia which were removing some of the daily patronage from Windsor.

The Main Street Committee comprises a number of enthusiastic members that are keen to assist in progressing the town's development and have a number of ideas that are worthy of evaluation and consideration.

The Council has voted $218,117.00 towards repaving and rehabilitation of the Mall area that is in fact an urban park within the Centre of the town.

The works are to rejuvenate the mall and rectify a number of areas of the paving that are suffering from tree root problems and the persistent use of the area by traffic. It would also involve the planter boxes, the pergola and a number of timber barrels in the area.

The works were proposed to start in February in accordance with the policy of not undertaking construction work, apart from essential maintenance, during the pre and post Christmas trading periods.

At this stage a number of discussions will be held with the Main Street members prior to any works commencing and this may necessitate further consideration and determination by the Council. In any event I will keep the Council informed in this matter.

Councillor (Dr) Rex Stubbs
Mayor
CITY OF HAWKESBURY

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Councillor D Finch:

That Council provide the Kurrajong Baptist Church with a donation of $300.00 (three hundred dollars) to replace the directional signs to the church that were removed.

Councillor Conolly:

That this Council adopt the following statement as its policy regarding the sale of land deemed as surplus to requirements:

> It is the preferred position of this Council that the manner of sale of any land deemed by Council as surplus to requirements shall be by public auction wherever possible. Any recommendation to Council to sell unnecessary land shall include either a proposal for public auction or specific reasons for deviating from this preferred position by proposing a sale in any other manner.

Councillor Glenys Gilling:

That the following matters be discussed at the next Corporate Planning Workshop:-

i) a Development Control Plan for the Vineyard area to assist in its economic development;

ii) a Local Environmental Plan for the river corridor from Grono Point to Wisemans Ferry (including Webbs Creek, the Colo and Macdonald Rivers). The aim of this Local Environmental Plan is to:

- a) produce a co-ordinated strategy for the management of this corridor;
- b) introduce density controls for the management of subdivision;
- c) allow for subdivision using the Community and/or Strata Titles Act of all development;
- d) prohibit residential occupation of tourist accommodation units;
- e) maintain the rural and scenic character of the area.

iii) a planning strategy for the Windsor and Richmond commercial areas that seeks to enhance the historic nature of the appearance of the two shopping precincts whilst encouraging their economic redevelopment. This is to include design controls, character strategies, redevelopment and replacement policies.

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- **NEXT MEETING.**

Report of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 30 November 1999, commencing at 8.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillor L Allan, B J Calvert, K F Conolly, D Finch, G J Gilling, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P F Davies and C A Paine

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Allan and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Allan and seconded by Councillor Rasmussen that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 26 October, 1999, be confirmed.

Councillor Paine arrived at the meeting at 8.05am.
Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 10.30am.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

43: Truck Depot - Lot 89 DP806272 No. 38 Avondale Road, Pitt Town (M1196/99/EVD/ENK30NAX.V02)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 49 of the Environment Section of the Supplementary business paper.

44: Extension to Existing Caravan Park and Associated Facilities - Lots 1 & 6 DP244281, Lots 1,2,5 & 6 DP 232770 Commercial Road, Vineyard (M 983/99/EVD/ENK30NAX.V04)

Mr Frank Novella, applicant, addressed the Committee.

Mr Bulyk, Ms H Hicky, objectors, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

That:

A. After consideration of Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act Regulation Council forms the opinion that the development is not "designated development".

B. That a “Deferred Commencement” Approval be granted for the use of Lot 6 DP232770 for the purposes of an extension to the existing caravan park comprising 48 (forty-eight) short term sites and associated facilities subject to the following conditions.

(I) Upon compliance with the conditions appearing in Schedule 1, and with the issue of confirmation to that effect in writing from Council, this “Deferred Commencement” consent shall commence to operate as a development consent inclusive of all conditions appearing in Schedule 2 pursuant to Section 80(3) of the Act.

(II) The Deferred Commencement consent will lapse in twelve months from the date of this consent unless the condition appearing in Schedule 1 has been complied with.

Schedule 1

1. The water supply system servicing the existing and proposed development is to be upgraded to the satisfaction of Sydney Water. Documentary evidence is to be provided in the form of a Compliance Certificate under Section 73 of the Water Board (Corporatisation) Act 1994 detailing that all relevant works have been completed.

Schedule 2

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2. Except as expressly provided by these terms of approval, works and activities must be carried out in accordance with the proposal contained in:

   (i) the development application 938/99 submitted to Hawkesbury City Council on 9 July, 1999; and

   (ii) all additional documents supplied to the EPA in relation to the development, including the Statement of Environmental Effects and Water Cycle Study.

3. Except as may be expressly provided by a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 in relation of the development, section 120 of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 must be complied with and in connection with the carrying out of the development.

4. The applicant must, in the opinion of the EPA, be a fit and proper person to hold a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997, having regard to the matters in section 83 of that Act.

5. Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979, and the Building Code of Australia.

6. Prior to construction of the approved development it is necessary to obtain a Construction Certificate.

7. The applicant is advised to consult with:

   (b) Integral Energy

   regarding their requirements for the provision of services to the development and the location of existing services that may be affected by proposed works, either on site or on the adjacent public road(s). Sydney Water Corporation Limited may also require the applicant to obtain a Trade Waste Approval as part of the operation of the approved development. Enquiries should be made of the Corporation's requirements for the eventual operation of the approved use.

8. No excavation or site works shall be commenced prior to the issue of the construction certificate.

9. A licence must be obtained under the Local Government (Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulations 1995 under the Local Government Act 1993.

10. The proposed tennis court, BBQ structure, bowling green, holding tank and bus bay to be located clear of the depression through the site. Hydraulic calculations to be submitted to show that the 1 in 100 year storm is not impeded by any works.

Prior to Issue of Construction Certificate

11. The following documentary evidence is to be obtained prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate, whether by Council or an accredited certifier:

   (a) A written clearance from Integral Energy, stating that electrical services have been made available to the development or that arrangements have been entered into for the provision of services to the development.

   The Sewerage treatment Plant is to be upgraded and undertaken in accordance with the Water Cycle Study by Toby Fiander and Associates, dated 8 October 1999, with reference number TFA 2433/01.

12. Submission of design plans covering all access and drainage works for the development.

13. Submission of a detailed landscaping plan prepared by a landscape architect.

Prior to Commencement of Works

14. The applicant or person having the benefit of this development consent must give at least two days notice prior to commencement of works to Council of the intention to commence works. This notice is to be given in accordance with form 7 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 1998.

15. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contract number of the principle certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 4(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997.

16. An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be prepared and implemented. The plan must describe the measures that will be employed to minimise soil erosion and the discharge of sediment and other pollutants to lands and/or waters during construction activities. The ESCP should be prepared in accordance with the requirements for such plans outlined in *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* (available from the Department of Housing).

During Construction

17. All reasonable measures shall be taken to protect all other vegetation on the site from damage during construction.

18. All construction and associated work necessary for the carrying out of the development being restricted to between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays and between 8.00am and 4.00pm on Saturdays.

19. The full construction of access roads with a sealed pavement and all necessary drainage. The road to be designed to enable the manoeuvring of buses.

Prior to Occupation Certificate

20. In order to ensure that the development complies with this consent, the approved use shall not commence until all conditions of this Development Consent have been complied with.

21. Occupation of any buildings and the use of the site for the proposed development should not take place until all landscaping is completed, all car parking spaces are constructed and designated and all the conditions of approval have been satisfied.

22. Landscaping shall be completed in accordance with the approved landscaping plan and shall be maintained in perpetuity by the existing or future owners and occupiers of the property. In this respect an occupational certificate will not be granted on the application until the landscaping is complete.

23. In order to enhance the amenity of the development, new boundary fences along the northern and eastern boundaries shall be provided at the applicant's expense. Such fencing behind the building line shall be to a height of 1.8m timber lapped and capped. (D264).

Use of the Site

24. All landscaping shall be permanently maintained in a good condition and in accordance with the intent of the landscaping plan.

25. The development shall be conducted in such a manner that noise levels measured at any boundary do not exceed 5dB(A) above background noise levels.

26. The development shall be conducted in such a manner so as not to interfere with the amenity of the neighbourhood in respect to noise, vibration, odour, dust, waste water, waste products or otherwise.

27. Storage of chemicals and petrochemicals should be contained using an approved bunding material at all times.

28. Sites must be identified with numbers, and site area clearly delineated.

29. Regular removal of all fire hazard material from under vans and throughout the park. BBQ firewood is to be stored in one suitable area within the park and sign posted.

30. Adequate notices, warning the public not to drink or otherwise use the treated liquid waste, must be erected on the site. These notices must be in legible English and in any other languages as may be necessary, and must indicate at least that the water in use is "Reclaimed Water - Unfit for Drinking".

31. The licensee must not cause, permit or allow any waste generated outside the premises to be received at the premises for storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or any waste generated at the premises to be disposed of at the premises, except as expressly permitted by a licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997. This condition only applies to the storage, treatment, processing, reprocessing or disposal or waste at the premises if it requires an environment protection licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

32. For the discharge point, the concentration of a pollutant discharged at that point, must not exceed the concentrations limits specified for that pollutant in the table.

Pollutant	Units of Measure	100% Concentration Limit
<BOD>	mg/L	20
<NFR>	mg/L	30
<pH>		6.5-8.5

33. To avoid any doubt, this condition does not authorise the pollution of waters by any other pollutant other than those specified in the table.

34. Treated liquid waste pipelines and fittings must be clearly identified. Standard water taps, hoses and valves must not be fitted to the pipelines of the irrigation system. The irrigation system must not be connected to other water pipelines. Lockable valves or removable handles must be used where there is public access to the effluent.

35. Wastewater utilisation areas must effectively utilise the wastewater applied to those areas. This includes the use for pasture or crop production, as well as ensuring the soil is able to absorb the nutrients, salts, hydraulic load and organic materials in the solids or liquids. Monitoring of lands and receiving waters to determine the impact of wastewater application may be required by the EPA.

36. The volume of wastes discharged must not exceed 23 Kilolitres on any day.

37. Spray from wastewater application must not drift beyond the boundary of the wastewater utilisation area to which it is applied. A minimum area of 1.5 hectares must be used for wastewater irrigation.

38. Wastewater must only be applied to the areas defined in the application (figure 2 - site plan).

39. The applicant must provide an annual return to the EPA in relation to the development as required by any licence under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 in relation to the development. In the return the applicant must report on the annual monitoring undertaken (where the activity results in pollutant discharges), provide a summary of complaints relating to the development, report on compliance with licence conditions and provide a calculation of licence fees (administrative fees and, where relevant, load based fees) that are payable. If load based fees apply to the activity the applicant will be required to submit load-based fee calculation worksheets with the return.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The applicant has suggested an additional condition in lieu of the proposed requirement for consolidation of property, as follows:

> *"The approval to operate the caravan park on Lots 1-2-5 DP232770 and Lot 6 DP244281 is contingent that 2.2 hectares of land be available for irrigation of treated effluent."*

Recommendation

That the following additional condition be added to the consent:

40. The continued operation of the caravan park in accordance with this consent is contingent upon 2.2 hectares of land being available for irrigation of treated effluent.

45: NSW Health Skin Penetration Guidelines (GP070/017/EVD/ENK30NBX.V08)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Skin Penetration Guidelines be provided to all relevant premises in the area. This will allow the register to be updated to include all unrecorded businesses.

2. Details of all premises be recorded to update our current register.

3. Operators be advised that Council will be conducting compliance audits at the premises in the next eighteen (18) months.

4. Operators be requested to bring their premises up to the standards outlined in the guidelines within the next eighteen (18) months.

46: Draft Development Control Plan - Contaminated Land Policy (GP070/014/EVD/ENK30NBX.V06)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt, for the purposes of public exhibition, the Draft Development Control Plan for Contaminated Land.

47: Companion Animals Act- Lifetime Registration (GE020/002/EVD/ENK30NBX.V07)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Registration be accepted on councils current database for dog registrations, if people have been living in the area for less than three months.

2. This registration be accepted only if proof can be produced in the form of a current registration form issued by the previous Council.

48: Proposed thirteen (13) Lot Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 DP255340, Lot 13 DP613296, Lot D DP174059 and Lot 1 DP86789 Comleroy Road, Kurrajong
(M371/99/EVD/ENK30NBX.V03)

Mr Brian McKinlay, representing the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Ms Louise Thornbourough and Mr John Wayland, objectors, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That a facilitation meeting be held between the applicant, objectors and Council staff to consider valid objections for inclusion within the management plan and reported to the Ordinary meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A meeting was held on 30 November, 1999 between the applicant and the two (2) objectors, facilitated by a Council officer. At that meeting the following points were agreed as appropriate restrictions: (Note that lot numbers have been altered on the current plan)

C Dwellings on Lots 10 and 11 restricted to single storey with low roof pitch and building envelopes set at the optimum position to achieve maximum setback from Comleroy Road with minimal earthworks.

C Building envelope on Lot 7 restricting buildings towards the rear of the lot and vehicular access from rear neighbourhood road only.

C All roofing material to be non-reflective.

C Limitation for cut and fill of a maximum of 900mm for all buildings, including sheds.

C Sheds are restricted to 150m² maximum area, 5m maximum height and located to the rear of dwellings. The 150m² is a restriction on the total floor space of all out-buildings on an allotment.

C Landscaping to be provided around all shed buildings.

C Requirement to maintain trees planted on properties.

C Restrictions on the keeping of animals on the undersized lots.

C No articulated vehicles to be parked on the properties.

The applicant also agreed to accept conditions requiring the re-establishment of Cumberland Plain Vegetation along the gully through the subdivision and on frontages to roads.

The applicant has submitted a draft management plan which achieves the agreed restrictions via a combination of 88B restrictions on title and By-Laws contained within the community management statement. Further discussions with the two objectors who addressed the meeting have confirmed their agreement to the proposed restrictions. It should be noted that landscaping of sheds will be made a condition of development consents for sheds.

Recommendation

That Condition 18 be altered as follows:

18. A management statement complying with the Community Land Development Act 1989 shall be lodged with and approved by Council. This statement is to include the following provisions:

i. Lot 1 is not to be used for the purpose of erecting a dwelling or any other building or structure.

ii. Roofing material for all buildings is to be non-reflective.

iii. The maximum amount of cut and fill for the construction of any building is 900mm, when measured in relation to natural ground levels.

iv. The maximum floor area of any outbuilding is 150m² and the maximum height is 5 metres above natural ground level.

v. The combined total area of outbuildings on any property is not to exceed 150m².

vi. The external wall and roof cladding of outbuildings is restricted to pre-finished non-reflective paint surfaces.

vii. A requirement to maintain trees planted on individual lots and community property.

viii. Restriction on the number of animals which may be kept on Lots 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

ix. No articulated vehicles to be parked or stored on individual lots.

That Condition 19 be amended to read as follows:

19. The creation of a restriction on use of land in the following terms:

i. Dwellings on Lots 10 and 11 to be restricted to single storey with a maximum roof pitch of 30E. The location to be fixed by building envelopes set at the optimum position to achieve maximum set-back from Comleroy Road with minimal earthworks.

ii. *Buildings on Lot 7 restricted to the lower portion of the lot with vehicular access prohibited from Comleroy Road.*

iii. *No more than one (1) dwelling is permitted on Lots 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.*

iv. *For Lots 2, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 outbuildings are not permitted to be erected closer to Comleroy Road than any dwelling on the lot or with a roof line that is higher than the dwelling on the lot.*

The following additional conditions to be added:

6A *A landscaping plan is to be submitted to and approved by Council providing for indigenous native planting along the existing gully and along the neighbourhood Lot 1.*

22. *Landscaping and tree planting to be carried out in accordance with the plan approved in Condition 6A.*

Attachments

AT-1 Amended subdivision plan - December 1999.

REVISED SUBDIVISION PLAN

Supplementary Reports

49: Truck Depot - Lot 89 DP806272 No. 38 Avondale Road, Pitt Town
(M1196/99/EVD/ENK30LBX.V11)

This matter was dealt with in conjunction with Item 43 of the Environment section of the business paper.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

19: Circus Joseph Ashton Application for use of Hanna Park, North Richmond
(PK/225/ENG/INK30NBX.E02)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council's policy for park fees be adhered to should the development application for Circus Joseph Ashton be approved.

2. A further report be brought to the Ordinary meeting addressing questions raised at the General Purpose Committee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information was requested at the General Purpose Committee in relation to the number of performances which would be undertaken each day and possible damage to the ground over the period.

With regard to the number of performances, advice has been received that two performances per day was anticipated with an expectation of around 80 attendees per performance. In relation to possible damage, it is expected that there would be grass die back under the covered area, however, it is anticipated that this would recover relatively quickly after the removal of the circus tent.

In the course of discussions with the proponents they advised that the proposal would not proceed if a charge of $600.00 per day was imposed.

20: Enhancement of Memorial Park, Kurrajong (PK/008/ENG/INK30NBX.E03)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

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

2. This be brought to the Planning Workshop for an allocation in the 2000/2001 budget.

21: Road Funding (GG021/074, GR120/002Pt3/ENG/INK30NBX.E04)

Mrs Marie Noble addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S 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:

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

Turpentine Grove, Blaxlands Ridge - full length	$25,000
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
	$128,000

4. A further report be brought to the Ordinary meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

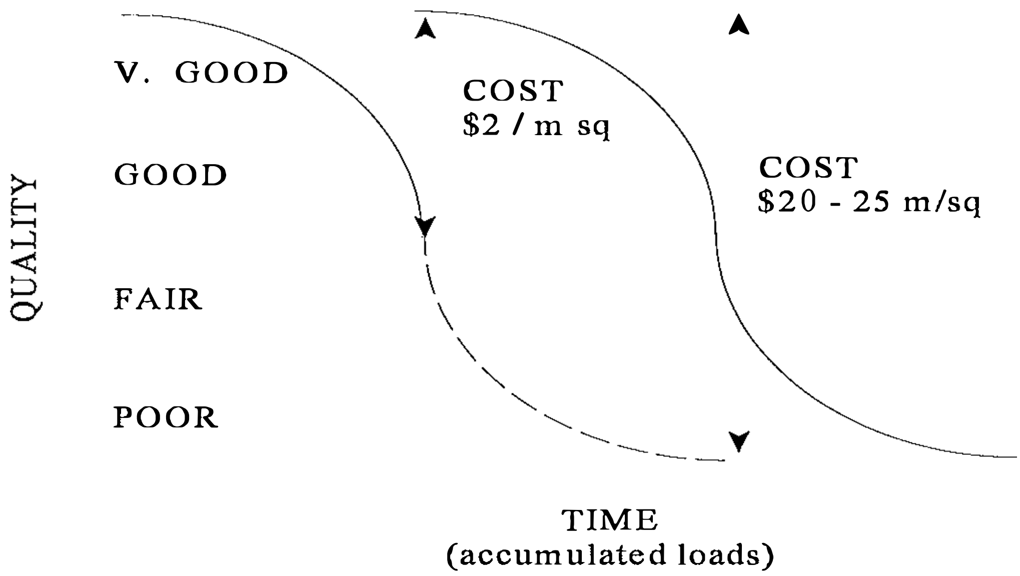
At the General Purpose Committee meeting there were some questions relating to the methodology used when recommending rehabilitation works, in particular in relation to Turpentine Grove, Blaxlands Ridge and also in prioritising works such as the upgrading of the crossing on Roberts Creek Road and the reconstruction and sealing of Packer Road.

In general terms there is currently 701 kilometres (4,670,000 sq metres) of sealed roads throughout the city area. These roads are typically designed for a life of twenty years, after which time, deformation of the road pavement occurs due to traffic loading and volumes and reconstruction of the pavement is required to bring it back to a suitable riding quality.

During the life of a sealed road, the bitumen in the road surface begins to oxidise and become brittle. As these roads are generally constructed as a flexible pavement, slight movement in the road pavement occurs, with the passage of vehicles. As the bitumen becomes more brittle, cracking occurs, thus allowing water to pass through the seal into the road pavement and this is generally the primary cause of potholing and other failures in the pavement. The oxidisation of the bitumen starts to occur gradually from the day it is completed, however, the deterioration becomes more rapid with time. It is unfortunate that the optimal time to undertake resealing is when the road “appears” to be in good condition, ie; looks satisfactory but has consistent hairline cracking which allows water infiltration into the subgrade.

The following graph shows pavement performance versus time and it can be seen that by carrying out regular resealing, it is possible, subject to traffic loading and volumes, to extend the life of the pavement for a considerable time.

RESEAL / REHABILITATION - SEALED ROADS



On average, a bitumen sealed road requires resealing after 10 years of service. On this basis, 10% of the 4.67 million m² of bitumen seal throughout the city (467,000m²) requires resealing each year. An amount of $930,000 has been budgeted currently for resealing works to achieve this end.

It should be appreciated that due to the lack of funding available in the early to mid 1980s some roads have deteriorated to a level where resealing will not be economically viable and reconstruction of these roads will be necessary. Reconstruction of those roads that have reached the end of their design life also need to be addressed in terms of the overall road budget.

As shown on the graph, the cost applying a maintenance reseal is approximately $2 per m² while the cost to reconstruct/rehabilitate a sealed road is approximately $20-$25 m². In addition to these costs, there is obviously the normal maintenance procedures of maintaining the gravel shoulder adjacent to the seal and also repairs to bitumen edges where damaged by vehicles driving off the seal.

Similar to sealed roads, unsealed roads need to have the gravel surface re-established to enable effective maintenance grading to be carried out, thus keeping a good quality surface on the road. The surface gravel is lost from the road, generally through the effects of traffic and rain. The advantages of keeping an adequate thickness of gravel on an unsealed road is twofold, firstly, it enables maintenance to be carried out over a shorter time period and secondly, enables the time periods between maintenance gradings to be increased, thus reducing the cost of regular grading and improving the rideability of the surface.

Depending on the amount of traffic using an unsealed road and weather conditions, a gravel resheet generally needs to be applied on average every five years. The cost of a gravel resheet is $1.65 per m², while the cost of maintenance grading of a gravel road is approximately $600 per kilometre ($0.12 per m²and maintenance grading of unsealed roads generally averages 1.5 times per annum. That is, roads such as Packer Road, St Albans Road and Old Hawkesbury Road are graded 3-4 times per annum, whilst other less trafficked roads may be only graded once every 18 months to two years.

There will be continuing requests to Councillors from residents living on unsealed roads, to have their roads sealed, particularly through drier periods when dusty conditions prevail.

A comparison of the costs of sealed versus unsealed roads is outlined below, based on a square metre cost over a 20 year life cycle ($/m²/annum).

Sealed		**Unsealed**	
Construct/seal	$1.25		
Reseal once	$0.10	Resheet 4 times	$0.33
Maintenance	$0.20	Maintenance	$0.12
	$1.55		$0.45

The cost of maintaining a gravel road is approximately one third the cost of providing and maintaining a sealed road. While it is appreciated that there will always be a need to reconstruct and seal roads on the basis of needs such as the density of development, traffic volumes and changes in the function of a road, the Council policy to date that the highest priority be given to maintenance resealing of the existing sealed network, then rehabilitation or reconstruction of both sealed roads which have failed or are approaching failure and finally seal unsealed roads where warranted if funding is available.

Some examples of requests for sealing, with associated current traffic volumes and estimates of cost are:

	Estimate of Cost	**Traffic Volume Vehicles per day**
Old East Kurrajong Road 1.5km from East Kurrajong Road	$180,000	150
Racecourse Road Rickaby Street to Blacktown Road	$235,000	216
Wheelbarrow Ridge Road end of existing seal past school	$88,000	104
Crooked Lane	$85,000	108

	Estimate of Cost	Traffic Volume Vehicles per day
St Albans Road	$180,000/km	195
Roberts Creek Road	$175,000	134
Packer Road	$450,000	178

In relation to Turpentine Grove, Blaxlands Ridge, this road is a bitumen sealed rural road which has reached the end of its economic life (failed) and the pavement is such that patching works are not economical. As such it has been recommended that it be rehabilitated and resealed.

In relation to Roberts Creek Road, the majority of the road is an unsealed rural road giving access to local residents. Where the road crosses Roberts Creek there is no formal structure, the crossing consisting of sandstone spalls. The matter of sealing Roberts Creek Road was canvassed extensively during November 1998 where 31 form letters had been received indicating support for the sealing of the road and the construction of a suitable crossing over Roberts Creek. The majority of these form letters had originated within three kilometres each side of Roberts Creek Road on Roberts Creek Road. A number of residents addressed the Council regarding the proposal and Council resolved that the sealing of the road not be undertaken at this stage.

Packer Road provides access between Putty Road and West Portland Road and consists of a variable width gravel pavement, approximately 3.6 kilometres in length and includes two narrow winding areas.

When looking at access to Wilberforce and then Windsor from Lower Portland, there is an existing sealed route via West Portland Road and Sackville Road. As a comparison, the distance from the intersection of Sackville Road and Putty Road via Sackville Road, and West Portland to the intersection of West Portland Road and Packer Road is 15.5 kilometres, with a travel time of 13½ minutes. The distance from the intersection of Sackville Road and Putty Road via Putty and Packer Road to the intersection of Packer Road and West Portland Road is 17 kilometres, with a travel time of just over 12 minutes. It can be seen that although the distance via Putty Road is some 1.5 kilometres longer the travel time is shorter due to the nature of the road and the existing speed limits on that road.

It is considered that the reconstruction and sealing of Packer Road on a needs basis when considered in priority to other roads particularly in relation to the need to rehabilitate those sealed roads which are approaching the end of their economic life could not be justified.

22: NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 - Recent Determinations (GE020/055/ENG/INK30NCX.E05)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

33: Purchase of Proposed Three Town Sewerage Scheme Treatment Works Site - Stewarts Lane, Wilberforce (GL010/001 PT02/CSV/OGK30NCX.C04)

Mr Neville Diamond addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

34: National Competition Policy - Payments to Local Government (GM001/031 Pt2/GMA/OGK30NAX.G01)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council make representations to the State Government seeking a fair distribution of National Competition Policy payments to Local Government. That it seeks the assistance of the Local Government Association, WSROC and the State Members of Hawkesbury and Londonderry in this matter.

35: Local Government Associations Reference Groups - Nominations for Membership (GL040/009 Pt02/GMA/OGK30NAX.G02)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

Councillor Allan was nominated for the Library and Information Services Reference Group.

36: Monthly Financial Report - October 1999 (GF0011/005/FNC/OGK30NAX.F08)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

37: Work for the Dole 2000 - Hawkesbury Skills Inc. (P255/100/CSV/OGK30NBX.C03)

Mr Hugh McKinnon, representing Hawkesbury Skills Inc., addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Hawkesbury City Council note and acknowledge the contribution and work of Hawkesbury Skills Inc.

2. This matter be referred to the weekend workshop to be held in February for further discussion on how the Council may assist with this project.

38: Disposal of Property Bounded by George Street, Woods Road and Bradley Road, South Windsor (GC285/28/CSV/OGK30NBX.C05)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Mrs Vicky Shackley of No. 636 George Street, South Windsor be granted for nil compensation, 1.5 metres of the closed laneway for the length of her property.

2. Once the road closure and subdivision to create one (1) lot are completed, the site be sold by public auction with the reserve price to be determined by a valuer prior to auction.

3. The Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documentation.

39: Lease of 22 Fitzgerald Street, Windsor (GF283/031 PT03/CSV/OGK30NBX.C09)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the lessee be reminded of the obligation to provide unrestricted access to the public amenities located within 22 Fitzgerald Street, Windsor in accordance with the conditions of the Lease Agreement.

40: Proposed Sale of Public Reserve No. 75 at Lower Portland (GC283/065 PT02/CSV/OGK30NBX.C06)

Mr Barry Cartwight, applicant, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That a Local Environmental Plan be prepared to enable the reclassification of Lot 7 and Lot 4 DP252546 from Community to Operational land. Further, should the Plan proceed, the site be then sold to Mr and Mrs Cartwright of Ponderosa Automarine and Ski Resort for $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) and the Seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documentation.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council conduct an audit on public river front land and report this to the next General Purpose Committee meeting.

41: Proposed Road Closure and Purchase - Corner of Ebenezer Wharf Road and Sackville Road, Ebenezer (P1901/0080/CSV/OGK30NBX.C07)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council support the closure of an unnecessary section of road on the corner of Sackville Road and Ebenezer Wharf Road, Ebenezer, adjoining Lot 2 in DP 576358 (368 Sackville Road) and comprising an area of approximately 2015m^2.

2. A six by six metre splay corner to be retained on the corner of Sackville Road and Ebenezer Wharf Road, Ebenezer.

3. Council as the roads authority apply to the Department of Land and Water Conservation for the closure of the unnecessary section of road to be vested in Council as operational land, and transferred to Mr and Mrs Sullivan.

4. The applicants Mr and Mrs Sullivan enter into a Deed of agreement to:

   i. Meet all costs associated with the application.
   ii. Consolidate the closed road area with the adjoining property, Lot 2 in DP 576358.

5. All necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The General Purpose Committee recommended that Mr and Mrs Sullivan not be required to pay the current market value of $5,000 (five thousand dollars) for the purchase of the unnecessary section of road adjoining their property on the corner of Sackville Road and Ebenezer Wharf Road at Ebenezer.

It is pointed out that to allow the transfer to proceed and for calculation of stamp duty on the transaction, a value has to be determined for the purchase of the property. Subsequently, if Council is to support the recommendation of the General Purpose Committee, it is suggested that a minimal purchase price of $1.00 (one dollar) be included in the recommendation.

42: Policy for Access to Information (GL010/001 PT02/CSV/OGK30NBX.C10)

Mr Neville Diamond addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council place on public exhibition for a period of 42 (forty two) days the Draft Policy for Access to Information and the fee for processing and photocopying at $30 (thirty dollars) per hour. Following the public consultation period, the draft policy for Access to Information and necessary amendments to the Complaints Policy be reported back to Council.

43: Hawkesbury Community Transport Service (GC200/002/CSV/OGK30NCX.C11)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

Supplementary Reports

44: Leave of Absence - Councillor P Davies (GA030/014/GMA/OGK30LAX.G13)

Council exercising its delegation as the Whole Council

243 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Gilling seconded by Councillor Finch

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Davies.

45: Representation on Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board (GM001/021 PT11/CSV/OGK30LBX.C12)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

During discussion Councillor Philip Davies was nominated for the vacancy on the Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board however this was not included in the motion to receive the information. The nomination was subject to his acceptance. Councillor Davies has since agreed to take up the nomination and this would need to be ratified as part of the resolution by Council at the Ordinary meeting.

Recommendation:

That:

1. The information be received.

2. Councillor Philip Davies be accepted as Council's third representative on the Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE:

Councillor Gilling tabled the following Questions with Notice:

"Is Council taking proceedings in the Land & Environment Court against Mr Zammit for a Declaration that a Development Consent issued by Council in January 1999 to him is null and void?

When did staff form the opinion that this consent was invalid?

Was it following Egan's case and Mr McCellan advice in July or was Council aware of this problem 3 years ago when an application for a chicken farm at Ebenezer was being processed?

Why did Council take so long to take action to declare the Zammit consent invalid?

Is Council now going to take action with respect to all other approvals given for industries in Rural Zone as I understand all of these approvals are capable of being held to be invalid.

If Council is not taking action with respect to these other approvals why is it taking action against Mr Zammit as his approval is valid until it is challenged as with the other approvals.

Did Staff inform Mr Zammit and his solicitor M/s Bulki that it was Council's problem and it was being rectified?

Is Council aware that proceedings can be taken for damages if approvals granted by council are found to be invalid?

Did staff inform Councillors who voted to withdraw this consent that damages could be sought if the approval is found to be invalid?

Does Council intend to offer compensation to those owners whose approvals are found to be invalid?

How many consents for industry has Council issued in the past three years?

Will the new draft LEP allow industries in Rural Zones?

If Council was aware in July this year that the 1989 LEP may be faulty then why was the new draft LEP, which is an amendment to the 1989 LEP lodged with DUAP, especially when the matter was raised by Elf Farms solicitor Don Shaddick prior to lodgement that it may be faulty.

When will the draft LEP be gazetted?

Will HSARDS exclude the substrate from the site at Blaxlands Ridge which is considered by the Commission of Enquiry as an appropriate site?

Will HSARDS exclude Mr Zammits rural industry from his site at Pitt Town?"

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Conolly enquired when it was planned to re-open the Grandstand at McQuade Park.

   The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised he would advise Councillor Conolly.

2. Councillor Rasmussen enquired whether Council had made a response to the University in relation to their "Shape of the Future - A Structure for the University of Western Sydney in the 21st Century" document. He requested that if Council had not already done so, that a congratulatory letter be sent and that Council get involved in the structure and future of the University.

   The General Manager advised that he had, as a Member of the University Council, responded. He advised that he was unsure if Council had officially received a copy of the document and that he would further investigate this matter.

3. Councillor Williams tabled correspondence from Michael and Mary Want of 47 Pine Place, Grose Vale relating to trail bike noise and requesting Council implement a policy in this regard. Councillor Williams requested that this matter be addressed.

   The Mayor advised that he had responded to this correspondence and that he would provide a copy of the reply.

4. Councillor Williams advised that he had attended the first meeting of the River Trust Local Government Reference Group for the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust. He enquired if Council had a policy to not send a representative to this Committee as he believed it would be to Council's advantage to have a staff member attend. He enquired how this could be implemented. He also advised that Hawkesbury City Council were hosting a meeting of this group in March and suggested that attendance by a staff member would be appropriate and beneficial.

   The General Manager advised that staff attendance at such meetings was discussed and decided by himself and senior managers. He advised that there was not a policy to not send a representative to this meeting. He further advised that he believed a staff member had previously attended these meetings and that he would further investigate this issue.

5. Councillor Williams referred to a facsimile he had sent to Council relating to kerb and guttering in Castlereagh Road, Wilberforce on behalf of Lyn and Murray Dyball. He had been informed that work would be commencing the following week. He advised that this work had not commenced and enquired where this matter was up to.

   The Director of Asset Services advised that he would check the program and advise.

6. Councillor Williams advised that he has received representations from Lyn Baker in North Street in relation to a house being constructed on the block next door on which she believed was never to have a house constructed on.

   The Director of Environment & Development advised that he had also received the information. He advised that the block, which is Lot 25 No. 17 North Street, has footings constructed on it for an old approval and that the owners were relying on the old approval to construct the house. He advised that he is having the information investigated and would respond.

7. Councillor Williams advised that the Wilberforce Pony Club believed that Council had plans to re-sell or re-zone the land that the Club is currently operating on. He enquired if there were plans to move out the Pony Club.

   The General Manager advised that Council had indicated that the former Hawkesbury High School site that was leased to them for some years would become industrial when the sewerage for the area was connected. He advised that he did not think this included the Pony Club land. He advised that he would provide a copy of the original proposal.

8. Councillor Williams advised that he has received a complaint from Mr and Mrs Bird at 177 Old Stock Route Road regarding oil which came from the neighbouring bus depot during a recent hailstorm. The oil had stained their lawn and flowed into the neighbours dam. He enquired if anything had happened in relation to this.

   The Director of Environment & Development advised that this would be investigated.

9. Councillor Williams enquired if there were erosion control measures taken at the Aboriginal Silcrete Quarry at Freemans Reach.

   The General Manager advised that they had been installed and that he had since spoken to the teacher involved.

   Councillor Williams enquired if their had been any moves by Council to engage National Parks and Wildlife with regards to how to best maintain or clean up this site.

   The General Manager advised that he had been advised that the site should be covered with plastic and earth. He advised that he would further investigate this matter.

10. Councillor Allan enquired when the Shed Policy would come before Council.

    The Director of Environment & Development advised that it would come to the January General Purpose Committee meeting.

11. Councillor Allan advised that cars were being parked on the footpath at the Hawkesbury Valley Holden site making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. She enquired if this was permissible and if not could this be followed up.

The General Manager advised that it was not permissible and the matter would be investigated.

12. Councillor Allan referred to a recent item in relation to money for the Cycle Ways and enquired when the report would be coming back to Council.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that a number of issues needed to be investigated and that it would possibly be reported to the February General Purpose Committee meeting.

Councillor Allan enquired if the money that had been discussed would be part of the planning weekend for the 2000/2001 budget.

The General Manager advised that part of the planning weekend will include Councillors naming their priorities for capital allocation for next year and the 3-4 year program.

Councillor Allan enquired if Council had contacted the people who had made representation at the General Purpose Committee about the Cycle Way and what we were planning to do.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that this would be investigated and followed up.

13. Councillor Paine requested an update on the tower at Kurrajong and enquired if it was operational.

The General Manager advised that the tower was up and fully operational. He advised that the Rural Fire Service were experiencing problems with Motorola communications equipment and he understood this was yet to be resolved.

14. Councillor Paine enquired what is happening with the Mall and when the paving was going to be fixed.

The General Manager advised that it was a policy of Council that no work, apart from urgent maintenance, was to be undertaken in the Mall Commercial areas during November or December. He advised that the works are not planned to start until February and that a wide range of issues had been raised which are being addressed. He further advised that it may be necessary to put in place a consultative program or forum to engage both the business community and the land owners in town to address what should happen in Windsor in both the short and the medium term.

15. Councillor Paine enquired if Council were looking at opening the Mall.

The General Manager advised that staff were not.

16. Councillor Paine referred to the money which Council had resolved to spend on the Mall, in particular for erection of signs and extra lighting. She enquired when these works would take place.

The General Manager advised that there was a policy of Council to increase the Christmas lights in the Mall.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that investigations were being carried out relating to the signs. He advised that this would possibly be implemented in February.

17. Councillor Sheather referred to comments made in relation to the Trust. He advised that from 31 December there would be no community catchment committees within the State as they were being disbanded. He advised that he would provide information and that he felt there was a need to make representation to the Trust regarding how the projects that the Trust had put in place within our catchment would be continued. He suggested that it may be appropriate that the Mayor send a letter outlining how the community support may be continued.

The Mayor advised that this would investigated.

18. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council were investigating the impact of the State's Dam Policy and water access for the farmers, in particular the conversion of acreage to volumetric measurements based on crops. He advised that he had recently attended a meeting with the Department of Land and Water Conservation, Sydney Water and farmers, where it was obvious that there was little understanding of the Hawkesbury Valley and the water required to grow crops. He enquired if it were possible for Council to get involved.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that Council had received a policy. He advised that it had only been investigated in respect of Council's role of giving consent for farm dams and no other activity has taken place.

Councillor Paine requested that a report come to the Ordinary meeting outlining what possibilities and what role Council can play in relation to this issue.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

The meeting terminated at 2.30pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 25 January, 2000.

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ITEM: 95 **University of Western Sydney**

FILE NUMBER: GU001/003/GMA/ORL14NAX.G12

REPORT:

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Professor Janice Reid, has produced a paper "The Shape of the Future: A Structure for UWS in the 21st Century" that informs of a change to the structure of the University. Professor Reid sees that these changes are necessary to ensure that the University is able to serve the people of the region and meet the challenges currently before higher education.

The proposal is to establish an integrated University as opposed to the three separate entities that currently exist under the Federation banner. The main issues that have built the impetus for the integration include:

- changes to the regulatory policy and funding environment by the Federal Government that will require consolidation and more judicious use of resources

- increasing level of identification of the community, staff and students with the University as a whole and the confusion caused by being multiple identities

- increasing need to be more competitive to attract students, research funds and industry links

- need for value adding and shared best practice

- issues identified in external reports indicating the need to address matters of inefficiency improving services and a greater focus on student needs and expectations

- the University's current budgetary situation

- the frustration associated with current inefficiencies, lack of co-operation and triplication of functions

- need to further develop a robust and respected UWS research identity and major research concentrations.

The proposed changes to the structure and operation will create a united University with a co-operative system of campuses which has the following elements:

A governing structure involving:

- Board of Trustees
- Community Councils at the campus level
- the Academic Senate for governance of the Academic Program and research
- the Academic enterprise organised all the way through

- University colleges
- Academic units.

Management structure comprising:

- Division of Education and Equity
- Division of Business and Resources
- Division of Research and Regional Development
- The Chancellory.

The structure is to be supported by administrative and academic support activities provided through:

- central services conducted by a single UWS administration
- distributed professional and support services delivered to each campus
- routine transactional services to each campus.

Executive and senior leadership will come from:

- Vice-Chancellor as Chief Executive Officer
- Deputy Vice-Chancellors having University-wide responsibilities
- Senior staff with University-wide functional responsibilities.

The University will be represented as a metropolitan regional university with the unique advantage of having direct and focussed community involvement and regional constituency at each campus.

Each campus will be under the management of a campus manager who would have functional responsibility at the campus level, overseeing and reporting on the regular operations of that campus and be a focal point for day to day community liaison. The current seven campuses would also be named accordingly.

The University academic enterprise would be realised through broadly based disciplined groupings, namely colleges which will have the capacity to function across multiple campuses. All academic staff at the University would be located in one of the colleges. Every course would also belong to one of the colleges with active provision of cross-college courses, double degrees and subject offerings. Each college would be lead by a Dean who would function at the University level as a member of an expanded Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee. Suggestions are that there be four colleges comprised of the following:

- College of Business and Law
- College of Social Science, Arts, Humanities and Education
- College of Physical Sciences, Engineering Technology and Agriculture
- College of Health and Life Sciences.

In terms of governance, the Board of Trustees will continue with the three main domains of responsibility being external accountability, strategic planning oversight and performance monitoring and resource management. The current University Councils will be replaced with community councils at the campus level that will have roles in establishing the University's public profile enabling its resource independence and ensuring professional and industrial alliances.

A final paper on the reshaping of the University will be produced in March next year.

The University and its current three member federated structure was founded in 1989, with a clear and fundamental purpose, to provide high quality and accessible higher education and research in an area of metropolitan Sydney that had historically been under resourced and under valued.

That structure now finds itself in an environment of diminishing public funding for higher education, with associated issues that require the addressing of institutional reform.

The proposals made by the Vice-Chancellor indicate the changes that were needed to be made to meet the expectations of the community of the University and provide quality higher education for Western Sydney in the environment of diminishing public funding and high competitiveness.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this Council advise the Vice-Chancellor University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury, that it fully supports the principle for the restructure of the University as contained in her paper "The Shape of the Future: A Structure for UWS in the 21st Century".

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 95 Oooo

ITEM: 96 **Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust**

FILE NUMBER: GR060/067 Pt02/GMA/ORL14NAX.G05

REPORT:

The Local Government and Shires Association has written advising that the Department of Land and Water Conservation has informed that the current term of appointment for Local Government Trustees to the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust expired on the 30th November, 1999.

The Department has requested the Associations to provide new nominations for consideration by the Minister for Land and Water Conservation for appointment to the Trust. Such nominations, together with resumes, need to be forwarded to the Associations by Friday 24th December 1999.

The Council has, in the past, attempted to secure the position but been unsuccessful with previous representatives coming from Singleton, Penrith and Gosford Councils.

The Trust plays an important role in a number of areas that involve the Hawkesbury community and the Council and these include: the future of the Richmond Lowlands; the complex issues surrounding the moratorium on dam construction and new irrigation licences, including the sustainability of agriculture in the region; the future principles and practice of total catchment management, including catchment environmental planning. Given the important issues currently on the table and those likely to be raised in the near future and, given the Trust's advocacy role, it is considered very important that the Council seek to have one of its Members as the representative.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council nominate a Councillor to the Local Government Association seeking appointment as a Local Government Trustee to the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 96 Oooo

ITEM: 97 **Dedication of Crown Road - MA0233/98, Tizzana Road, Sackville Reach**

FILE NUMBER: M 233/98/CSV/ORL14NBX.C06

REPORT:

A four (4) lot subdivision of Lot 101 DP817892, being 325 Tizzana Road, Sackville Reach has been granted development consent subject to the transfer to Council of that part of the Crown Road between Tizzana Road and the development site.

All costs of the transfer are to be met by the developer with the costs of application and security bond in the sum of $85,279.00 covering the cost of construction of the road, to be lodged with Council prior to the application being made to the Department of Land and Water Conservation. It is noted that both the security bond and application fee have been provided.

In order to make the application to the Department of Land and Water Conservation, Council is required to resolve to accept the transfer of the Crown Road, to ensure that the road is retained as public road and not closed in the future.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council resolve to accept the transfer of the Crown Road located along the north eastern boundary of Lot 1 in DP 34858 up to and including the intersection of the proposed road in the subdivision of Lot 101 DP 817892, for a distance of approximately 500 metres from Tizzana Road. Council to retain the transferred road as public road.

2. Application be made to the Department of Land and Water Conservation for the transfer of the subject Crown Road.

3. The Common Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Locality Plan

LOCALITY PLAN

oooO END OF ITEM 97 Oooo

ITEM: 98 **Rear Access to No. 3 Thompson Square, Windsor**

FILE NUMBER: P2021/40 PT02/CSV/ORL14NBX.C08

PREVIOUS ITEM: 29, Ordinary (07.09.1999)

REPORT:

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 7 September, 1999, agreed to lease part of No. 7 Thompson Square, Windsor to Ms Davis, to improve access and provide additions parking within her property No. 3 Thompson Square, Windsor.

The area to be leased is shown on the attached plan and is a strip of land 5.5 metres wide and approximately 32 metres in length, located at the rear section of the Hawkesbury Museum site and provides access from Baker Street. The principle terms and conditions of the Lease to Ms Davis are as follows:

- the term of the Lease being five (5) years;
- the commencing rental being $600 (six hundred dollars) per annum;
- the annual rental to be reviewed annually to the Consumer Price Index for Sydney;
- the Lessee having in place $5 million in public liability insurance indemnifying Council for any claims in respect of the site;
- provision to be made within the Agreement for its cancellation in the event of the sale or leasing of the whole of the Museum site and the purchaser/lessee requiring vacant possession of the land;
- the Lessee being responsible for relocating any fencing and provision of any improvements on the site; and
- the Lessee being responsible for all reasonable legal and professional costs in this matter.

Ms Davis has indicated that the property is being sold and as the Lease Agreement has not been finalised, the purchasers of the property, Mr Karl and Mrs Jeanette Pongracic, have requested that they be granted a fresh lease of the subject site, subject to the same terms and conditions offered to Ms Davis. It being noted that a fresh Agreement being entered into with Mr and Mrs Pongracic would save the need for and cost finalising an Agreement with Ms Davis and having the document then transferred to the purchasers and accordingly, the request by the Pongracic's is supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a 5.5 metre x 32 metre strip of land within No. 7 Thompson Square, Windsor be leased to Mr Karl and Mrs Jeanette Pongracic to provide rear access and additional parking for No. 3 Thompson Square, Windsor, subject to the principle terms and conditions outlined in this report. Further, that the Seal of Council be affixed to the documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Site Plan

SITE PLAN

oooO END OF ITEM 98 Oooo

ITEM: 99 **Rural Production and Water Sharing Package (Farm Dams and Volumetric Conversion Policy)**

FILE NUMBER: DCP001/96/EVD/ORL14NBX.V09

REPORT:

The Minister for Agricultural and Land and Water Conservation, Richard Amery MP, has released a Rural Production Water Sharing Package which contains a policy for construction of farm dams and access to irrigation known as "Volumetric Conversion".

The policy on farm dams reaffirms the role of the Department of Land and Water Conservation in granting licences for the construction of farm dams. In general this policy means there is a harvestable right of water representing 10% of the regional yearly runoff for the property concerned. It should be noted that property can include multiple lots of land. The policy states that licences will be required for storing more than this runoff and daming watercourses. The construction of hillside dams below certain standards will not require licences. The policy is constructed on the premises that there are maps covering the factors concerned for each locality across the State which varies with the locality's annual rainfall and evaporation records.

In respect of a 10 hectare property in Hawkesbury, the factor for multiplication of the area of the lot appears to be .085 resulting in allocation of .85 megalitres for a 10 hectare property. For a 4 hectare property, the allocation would be .34 megalitres.

The policy goes on to state that properties in existence prior to the 1st January 1991 are entitled to the construction of a one megalitre dam. Properties subdivided after this date will be subject to the normal ratio outlined above. There are exemptions under the policy for dams for the purpose of sediment control, effluent detention or pollution control.

Volumetric Conversion is a new way of licencing the extraction of water for irrigation. The Hawkesbury River is an unregulated river for the purposes of this policy and, whereas in the past irrigation licences have been a function of pump size and period of extraction, volumetric conversion relates to the area to be irrigated and a type of crop to be planted. The policy sets out the concept of an active area being an area irrigated for the last six years and various crop conversion rates for different types of cropping, such as vegetables, cereals, cotton, citrus production, oil seeds, etc.

The Hawkesbury Valley is contained in Climatic Zone No.9. For instance, if five hectares of vegetables were to be irrigated, the conversion factor for vegetables being 6.5, the allocation would then be the area to be irrigated times the conversion factor, which would produce 32.5 megalitres per year for five hectares of vegetables.

Council's role in this process is twofold. Firstly, it is to issue development consent for the construction of farm dams and in many cases these will require licence conditions from the Department of Land and Water Conservation under the integrated development rules. Also, to grant consent for intensive agriculture and intensive horticulture which again may require licence of the extraction of water under the same legislation. Secondly, Council's role is to encourage economic development and to protect current industries within the valley. It is in this role that Council will need to understand whether the volumetric conversion tables are, in fact, a fair allocation of water particularly given this valley's concentration of intensive agriculture. It should also be noted that an enormous amount of the river's capacity is already extracted by Sydney Water for fresh water supplies to the Sydney Metropolitan area which may be a limiting factor in allocating water for this valley.

It is considered that this matter should be referred to Council's Economic Development Advisory Board to determine whether or not the volumetric version is in fact fair for agriculture production in the Hawkesbury Valley, and for that Board to obtain advice from various experts in the field so Council can present a policy to both the State Minister and the Opposition Spokesman for Agriculture and Land and Water Conservation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Rural Production and Water Sharing Policy be referred to Council's Economic Development Advisory Board for its consideration on the impact of this policy on agriculture within the Hawkesbury Valley.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 99 Oooo

ITEM: 100 **Draft Development Control Plan - Exempt and Complying Development**

FILE NUMBER: DCP1/99/EVD/ORL14NBX.V10

PREVIOUS ITEM: 37, GPC Section 1 - Environment (26.10.1999)

REPORT:

Introduction

On 16 November, 1999 Council resolved to place the draft Development Control Plan for Exempt and Complying Development on public exhibition for a period of twenty eight (28) days in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The plan accompanies the Draft LEP for Exempt and Complying Development and provides the detail for the LEP to become operational.

Public Exhibition

The draft plan has been placed on public exhibition from Thursday 18 November, 1999 up until 16 December, 1999. Two advertisements have been placed in the local newspaper, the first on 17 November, 1999 and the second on 1 December, 1999 and 183 letters send out to companies and individuals involved in development in the Hawkesbury area.

At the time this report was compiled no submissions had been received.

Amendments to the Plan

Two relatively minor amendments have been made to the plan placed on exhibition these are as follows:

1. Under Section 3.2 an additional category has been added excluding exempt development from applying to land that contains development approval for the use as a caravan park or camping ground. The reasons for this is to prevent uncontrolled extensions of ancillary structures to caravans or manufactured homes which may be inappropriate.

2. the second change relates to the set of conditions contained in Schedule C being compressed by coding each condition, providing a general set of conditions and under each development type listing the codes which are relevant to that development type. This has been done to avoid repetition of conditions and provide a more user friendly document.

Adoption of Plan

Gazettal of the Exempt and Complying Development LEP is dependent on Council adopting the DCP. To avoid a two month delay in the introduction of exempt and complying development, it is recommended that Council adopt the draft DCP subject to there being no submissions which cannot be resolved through minor amendments to the Plan. Should there be any submissions which result in or request changes to the intent of the Plan then the Plan will be reported back to the January General Purpose Committee meeting for consideration.

Conclusion

The Draft Development Control Plan for Exempt and Complying Development is currently on public exhibition. No submissions had been received at the time of compiling this report. Two minor changes have been made to the Plan, the first excluding exempt development from applying to land containing approval for the use as a caravan park or camping ground and the second to the format of the conditions. It is recommended the Council adopt the amended Plan subject to there being no unresolved submissions being received.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Draft Development Control Plan for Exempt and Complying Development be adopted subject to there being no submissions received which cannot be resolved through minor amendments to the Plan.

2. Should there be any submissions received which cannot be resolved between the parties or would result in changes to the intent of the Plan that the matter be reported back to the General Purpose Committee in January.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Amended copy of Hawkesbury DCP - Draft Exempt & Complying Development distributed as a separate document.

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ITEM: 101 **International Year of Older Persons Event - Hawkesbury Seniors Challenge**

FILE NUMBER: GC100/004/CSV/ORL14NCX.C13

REPORT:

The United Nations declared 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons (IYOP) to draw attention for the need to accept ageing as a natural, lifelong and positive process and to celebrate the many contributions that older people make to society.

To celebrate this event Hawkesbury City Council applied for and received grants from both the NSW Ageing & Disability Department ($1,000) and the Australian Sports Council ($3,000) to assist towards providing an event that would showcase the abilities and achievements of it's Senior Citizens. Hawkesbury City Council provided the balance of funds ($5,000) to stage the very successful *'Hawkesbury Seniors' Challenge'*.

An IYOP Committee was established by senior residents of the Hawkesbury in conjunction with staff from Hawkesbury City Council and local Community Services. This committee planned and staged the Hawkesbury Seniors' Challenge to provide senior citizens with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and experiences by participating in a range of activities sponsored by sporting, leisure, social and service clubs and organisations. These sponsored activities included:

- organised events covering a range of sport and leisure activities including Tennis, Golf, Bridge, Mahjong, a Photo Rally, Aqua Aerobics, Oil Painting, Stretch & Relax Exercises, Tai Chi, Yoga, Walking, Fishing, Snooker, Pool, Darts, Table Tennis, the publication of a book `Life Stories' written by members of the University of the Third Age and a Seniors Old Time Dance Party. A Seniors Car Rally had to be cancelled due to poor weather.

- the participation of local schools in a schools poster competition on the theme of *`Society for all Ages'* . Entries were received from a number of schools. Prizes were awarded in both junior and senior categories with the winning pictures framed and displayed in public. Individual winners received a certificate and a $250 donation was made to the art department of their school.

- the establishment of a Seniors Computer Group which to date has over sixty paid up and participating members both receiving tuition and teaching others. Hawkesbury City Council donated two computers to the group.

- a seminar 'Growing Older Growing Wiser' was presented by local community service providers. The seminar provided information on health, legal and financial issues with entertainment provided by The Ragamuffin Band - a group of seniors in their 80's who still perform in public.

C Windsor & District RSL Club Ltd sponsored a day long Seniors Indoor Bowls Competition. This is intended to become an annual event.

Over four hundred seniors and many more juniors participated in celebrating the International Year of Older Persons `Hawkesbury Seniors' Challenge' 1999.

A major outcome of IYOP and the Seniors Challenge was the establishment of the Seniors Advisory Group with representatives from this group joining Council's Equity and Access Planning Committee. The Seniors Advisory Group will also assist in informing Council's Social Plan on issues pertaining to the aged in the Hawkesbury area.

It is anticipated that the Hawkesbury Seniors Challenge will be held during Seniors Week in March 2000. Sponsors have indicated that they would be happy to be involved in future Challenges.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 102 **Reports requested by Council - Status as at 14 December, 1999**

FILE NUMBER: GC280/005 PT03/CSV/ORL14NCX.C01

REPORT:

24/8/99	McMahons Park DAS&R	Condition of surface of McMahons Park and possible improvements.	Report to November General Purpose Committee meeting.
7/9/99	Policy on Farm Sheds DED	Policy to be prepared for conditions for construction of Farm Sheds	To be reported to Council when Policy prepared.
16/11/99	Sandmining DED	Report on proposed Sandmining of the Richmond lowlands and current position of two State Members for this region.	Correspondence sent to two State Members and report to be prepared for Council.
16/11/99	Community Consultation / Precinct Committees GM	Possible methods to allow greater community consultation strategies for the processing of development applications and planning procedures that may incorporate the establisment of precinct committees.	Report to be prepared for Council

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 103 **Westpool Annual Report**

FILE NUMBER: GI011/001 PT08/CSV/ORL14NCX.C14

REPORT:

Councillors and Directors have recently received a copy of Westpool's 1998/99 Annual Report. This report provides a detailed review of Westpool's operation during the past twelve (12) months.

The Annual General Meeting was conducted at Windsor on Friday 22 October, 1999. Penrith Council's delegate, Councillor Ross Fowler, was re-elected as Chairman of the Westpool Board.

Hawkesbury is represented on the Board by Councillor Philip Davies and Geoff Banting, Director, Community and Corporate Services.

In addition, David Tuxford is a member of Westpool's Finance Unit, and with John Elphick represents Council on the Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 104 **Contract Register - Change of Company Names**

FILE NUMBER: GF001/001 PT03/FNC/ORL14NCX.F07

REPORT:

Advice has been received from two companies currently under contract to Council, providing notification of a change in company name. The contracts affected by the name changes are the provision of audit services, and the cleaning of Council buildings.

Provision of Audit Services

The current contract for the provision of audit services, was awarded to Greenwood Challenor and took affect from 1 July, 1998. In May 1999, Greenwood Challenor merged with Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu will be in a better position to provide Council with a wider range of enhanced services and offer the personalised services that have been received from Greenwood Challoner with the added advantage of access to global resources and expertise.

The principles of the contract entered into with Council have moved across to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and look forward to continuing the relationship and enhancing the quality and level of service currently provided. Financially, there is no change to the contractual relationship although future audit dealings and contract payments will now be made to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Cleaning of Council Buildings

Cleaning services for all Council's premises has been provided under contract by Kevin Parks Pty Ltd. In October 1999, Kevin Parks Pty Ltd advised that this contract would be taken over by Abrocene Pty Ltd. The same cleaning staff will continue to work under the new company and the original contract's agreements and conditions will continue to apply.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 105 **Lot 281 DP827184 (No. 15A) Walker Street, South Windsor - Appeal against refusal of a Brothel**

FILE NUMBER: M 1614/99/EVD/ORL14NCX.V04

REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the receipt of an Appeal, to provide background information on the application, and to advise of action in respect of the Appeal.

An application was received on 14 October, 1999 for the use of an existing factory unit for the purposes of a brothel. The application was refused under delegated authority on 2 November, 1999 for the following reasons:

"1. Commercial premises are prohibited within an Industry General 4(a) under Hawkesbury LEP 1989.

2. The proposed development is prohibited under Draft Local Environmental Plan 6/98."

Brothels are defined as "commercial premises" from a statutory point of view, based on written advice from the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. Commercial premises are prohibited under Council's current local environmental plan (LEP). Draft LEP 6/98 - Exempt and Complying Development, changes the definition of commercial premises, but does not alter the permissibility in industrial areas.

An Appeal was lodged in the Land and Environment Court on 17 November, 1999. Solicitors, Abbot Tout, have been instructed to defend the Appeal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 106 **420 Old Stock Route Road, Pitt Town - Rural Industry for Repair of Farm machinery - Sammut**

FILE NUMBER: MA0609/98/EVD/ORL14NCX.V03

PREVIOUS ITEM: 44, Ordinary (07.09.1999)
PREVIOUS ITEM: 30, Ordinary (12.10.1999)
PREVIOUS ITEM: 41, Ordinary (16.11.1999)

REPORT:

The following comments refer to Questions With Notice tabled by Councillor G Gilling at the General Purpose Committee meeting on 30 November 1999.

1. *"Is Council taking proceedings in the Land & Environment Court against Mr Zammit for a Declaration that a Development Consent issued by Council in January 1999 to him is null and void?"*

Comment: Yes proceedings commenced after Council's resolution was conveyed to the applicant and the applicant continued to carry out work on the site.

2. *"When did staff form the opinion that this consent was invalid?"*

Comment: Letters from adjoining owners were received at Council on 20 August 1999 and on 26 August 1999 Council's Risk Manager was informed that there may be a difficulty with this application.

3. *"Was it following Egan's case and Mr McCellan advice in July or was Council aware of this problem 3 years ago when an application for a chicken farm at Ebenezer was being processed?"*

Comment: 26 August 1999.

4. "Why did Council take so long to take action to declare the Zammit consent invalid?"

Comment: The matter was first reported to Council on 7 September 1999 and the resolution was a further report to the General Purpose Committee, together with a policy on farm sheds. On 25 September 1999 the General Purpose Committee resolved to commence legal action for a breach of conditions of consent. On 12 October 1999 the Ordinary Council resolved to commence legal proceedings, inform the applicant that his consent may be invalid, and asked for a report to the next General Purpose Committee meeting. On 26 October 1999 the matter was reported to the General Purpose Committee meeting and on 16 November 1999 the Ordinary meeting of Council resolved that the consent should be withdrawn.

5. *"Is Council now going to take action with respect to all other approvals given for industries in Rural Zone as I understand all of these approvals are capable of being held to be invalid."*

Comment: There is no resolution to undertake this action, other consents may be protected by the provisions of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which states, inter alia, that should a public notice be given of the granting of consent, no action against this consent can take place three months after that notice appeared. It should be noted that farm sheds are not generally notified under these provisions and this was the case in this application.

6. *"If Council is not taking action with respect to these other approvals why is it taking action against Mr Zammit as his approval is valid until it is challenged as with the other approvals."*

Comment: Council resolved to "withdraw" the consent, this means that Council is challenging the consent and therefore is seeking the appropriate resolution through the Court.

7. *"Did Staff inform Mr Zammit and his solicitor M/s Bulki that it was Council's problem and it was being rectified?"*

Comment: There is no correspondence or file notes on file to indicate that this advice was given.

8. *"Is Council aware that proceedings can be taken for damages if approvals granted by council are found to be invalid?"*

Comment: Yes

9. *"Did staff inform Councillors who voted to withdraw this consent that damages could be sought if the approval is found to be invalid?"*

Comment: Yes, this was done so at the Council meeting.

10. *"Does Council intend to offer compensation to those owners whose approvals are found to be invalid?"*

Comment: It is a matter for the applicant to make a claim against Council and for this to be assessed by Council's Insurers.

11. *"How many consents for industry has Council issued in the past three years?"*

Comment: 174 (One hundred and seventy four)

12. *"Will the new draft LEP allow industries in Rural Zones?"*

Comment: It is assumed that this is a reference to the Draft Local Environmental Plan 6/98 known as Exempt and Complying Draft Local Environmental Plan. The current land use tables for that plan allows as follows:

- Home Industries - local development in all zones except 5(b), 6(a), 6(b), 6(c) and 7(a)
- Industry - local development only in the 4(a) zone
- Light Industry - local development in 3(d), 4(a) and 4(b) zones
- Offensive and Hazardous Industries- local development in the 4(a) zone
- Rural Industries - local development in 1(a), 1(b), 1(c), 1(c1), 4(a), 4(b), 7(b) and 7(b1) zones (this is subject of course to the Council resolution to re-exhibit these provisions of this draft local environmental plan)

13. *"If Council was aware in July this year that the 1989 LEP may be faulty then why was the new draft LEP, which is an amendment to the 1989 LEP lodged with DUAP, especially when the matter was raised by Elf Farms solicitor Don Shaddick prior to lodgement that it may be faulty."*

Comment: This issue raised by Mr Shaddick at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee meeting on 24 August 1999. The plan was subsequently adopted by Council on 7 September 1999. On 30 September 1999 a letter was forwarded to the Legal Branch of the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning with the issue raised by Mr Shaddick. On 1 October 1999 advice was obtained from Abbott Tout, Solicitors, concerning the same issue and verified the proposed solution. This was also forwarded to the Legal Branch. Council has now, however, resolved to readvertise these provisions.

14. "*When will the draft LEP be gazetted?*"

Comment: There is no indication from the Legal Branch as to when the LEP will be gazetted.

15. "*Will HSARDS exclude the substrate from the site at Blaxlands Ridge which is considered by the Commission of Enquiry as an appropriate site?"*

Comment: Zones proposed by the Draft Local Environmental Plan dealing with the Hawkesbury Sustainable Agricultural Development Strategy, propose that "rural industry" will be "local development" in the Mixed Agriculture and Environment Protection Mixed Agriculture and Environment Protection Agriculture Protection zones. The site of Blaxlands Ridge, owned by Elf Mushrooms, is proposed to be in the Mixed Agricultural zone. (Subject however to the resolution of Council to refer the redefinition of "rural industries" to this exhibition. This may result in an alteration to the definition of "rural industry" and to the zones proposed.)

16. "*Will HSARDS exclude Mr Zammits rural industry from his site at Pitt Town?"*

Comment: The Old Stock Route Road property owned by Mr Sammut is proposed to be zoned "Rural Living" in which currently rural industries are suggested to be prohibited.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 107 **Lot 1 DP 862897 No.78 Greens Road, Lower Portland - Hawkesbury Country Club : Application to amend approval to operate Caravan Park.**

FILE NUMBER: P717/440/EVD/ORL14NCX.V02

PREVIOUS ITEM: 58, GPC Section 1 - Environment (30.11.1997)

REPORT:

Introduction

An application has been received from the owner of the property, Glenys Gilling, requesting amendment of Condition 1 of the approval to operate a caravan park to allow the installation of manufactured homes on flood liable land in certain conditions. Advice has been sought from Council's Solicitors, given the history of the applications on the property. The purpose of this report is to provide information on the status of the application.

Background

The following development applications have been submitted for this property in recent years:

DA Number	Application	Determination
DA442/81	Application to establish a private recreational club incorporating sixty five (65) holiday cottages, golf course and other related recreational facilities.	Approved
DA11/82	Establish a private sporting and recreation club.	Approved subject to conditions
DA243/93	Application for manufactured home estate of forty (40) sites.	Refused
DA244/93	Development application for a tavern/restaurant to cater for one hundred (100) persons, general store, coffee lounge, public boat shed and residence, small motel, reception and night quarter accommodation.	Refused
DA245/93	Sewage system for twenty five (25) caravan sites.	Approved subject to conditions
DA174/94	Application for forty (40) manufactured homes, ten (10) unit motel, tavern, general store, coffee lounge, boat storage and ancillary facilities.	Refused

DA Number	Application	Determination
DA38/95	Application to remove the existing caravan park and sand processing operation and replace it with forty (40) holiday cottages, twenty (20) motel units, boat storage, tavern/restaurant, general store, boat shed, residence and restoration of the heritage cottage.	Refused by Council and also refused by the Land and Environment Court
DA26/97	Application to relocate sites 5-28 further from the river and also to incorporate the three (3) existing cottage sites.	Approved
DA109/97	Application for the removal of the caravan park and its replacement with thirty (30) community title "weekender" cottages and ancillary facilities.	Refused
DA/BA1128/97	Application for Manager's Residence.	Approved
DA330/97	Conversion of Heritage Listed cottage to refreshment rooms.	Approved
MA319/98	Nine (9) relocatable home sites.	Approved

The relevant development consent is DA026/97. This consent approved the relocation of 24 caravan sites and three cabin sites from low lying land to land ranging between six and nine metres AHD. Condition 2 of that consent, issued on 3 April 1997, states:

> *"Council to be notified in writing of any installation of manufactured homes within seven (7) days of installation."*

Subsequent to the development consent, the approval to operate a caravan park under the Local Government (Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 1995 was issued on 15 October 1997. Condition No.1 of that approval states:

> *"Relocatable homes, manufactured homes, mobile homes, rigid annexes, unregistrable moveable dwellings are NOT permitted to be installed on flood liable land."*

In December 1997 Council resolved that manufactured homes not be permitted on the site. Following installation of a manufactured home, the matter was referred to Council's Solicitors for appropriate action. There are currently four manufactured homes installed on the land.

Status

The applicant seeks approval to install relocatable homes on land with minimum height of 7.7m AHD, or with a floor level minimum of 8.7m AHD. The floor height standard for dwellings in this area at the time of consent was 8.7m AHD. The proposal would ultimately see 24 (twenty four) relocatable homes on the relocated sites approved by DA26/97. Approximately 12 (twelve) of those sites are between 7.7m and 8.7m, the remaining sites are above 8.7m.

It is arguable that Development Consent No. 26/97 does envisage the installation of manufactured homes as Condition No. 2 of that consent states:

> *"Council to be notified in writing of any installation of manufactured homes within seven days of installation."*

Condition No. 5 states:

> *"Any manufactured/mobile relocatable home on the site is to be constructed, installed, and maintained in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds) Regulation 1995 - No. 309. Site utility services are to conform to the requirements set by Division 4 Part 3 of the above Regulations."*

The approval issued under the Regulation appears to be in conflict with Consent No. 026/97 as it prohibits manufactured homes to be installed on flood liable land.

The Local Government (Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds) Regulation 1995 provide that manufactured homes/relocatable homes may be installed on approved caravan sites without Council approval. However, flood liable land is excluded from this general exemption and Council approval is therefore required under the Regulation.

The relocatable homes currently installed on the property, albeit without approval, are quite attractive in presentation, being constructed of stained weatherboard walls and dark colorbond roof sheeting.

Council’s Solicitors have been negotiating with the applicants’ Solicitors on a “Without Prejudice” basis in relation to the installation of manufactured homes on the sites covered by DA026/97 and the negotations are nearing a conclusion.

There are still other matters requiring resolution in relation to conditions of the approval to operate the caravan park, specifically, no approved toilet and shower facilities, a large storage shed has been constructed without approval, all rigid annexes within the floodplain are to be capable of being removed within twenty four hours.

Conclusion

There are a number of issues still to be resolved in this matter. It is therefore intended that a full detailed report and recommendation will be provided to the January General Purpose Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 108 **Western Sydney Environment Strategy**

FILE NUMBER: GE020/029PT04/EVD/ORL14NCX.V11

REPORT:

The Office of Western Sydney has released a Western Sydney Environment Strategy being a document in three parts which "*celebrates examples of environmental achievements and initiatives in Western Sydney, and seeks to be a catalyst for future initiatives*".

The document appears to be a compilation of various initiatives undertaken in Western Sydney by various government agencies including local government and regional organisations of councils. It would appear that the document seeks to be a bench mark against which future developments and future evolution of environmental controls can be measured.

The Minister's introductory remark indicates that the policy is designed to integrate existing programs and encourage government, industry, research leaders, and the community to work together for the good of the environment of Western Sydney. It does not appear to be a statement of any new initiative but a compilation of past achievements.

It would appear that the Office is seeking to use this document as a way forward for future developments in the region. Copies of the documents are available from the Office and have been supplied to Council and have been placed in Council's information areas and in the Library

RECOMMENDATION:

The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection - 4 November 1999

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Hawkesbury Local Economic Advisory Board - Friday, 5 November 1999

PRESENT: Councillor L Allan (Chairperson). Councillor P Rasmussen, Councillor G Gilling, Mr S Benfield, Mr R Tolson, Group Captain C Richards, Mr J Fibbens, Mr S Doggett and Mr Ross Jones (Mr Jones left after consideration of the first item).

Also present: Mr G Banting, Mr C Dalli and Ms K James.

Apologies: Mr B Seldon.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 1 October 1999, were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

- Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce - confirming Mr John Fibbens as their nomination for appointment to the Board.

- Tourism Hawkesbury Inc - confirming their nomination of Mr Steven Doggett as its representative on the Board.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Membership and Structure

It was resolved to adopt the amended Constitution of the Board and to accept the nominations of Mr Steven Doggett as the new Tourism Hawkesbury representative and Mr John Fibbens as the new Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce representative.

At this point, Councillor Allan stood down as the Chair to enable the election of the Chair for the ensuing twelve month period to take place. Mr Geoff Banting assumed the role of returning officer and called for nominations with Councillors Allan and Rasmussen and Mr Bob Seldon subsequently nominated. Prior to the election, it was decided to accept the nomination by Mr Bob Seldon despite his absence and that voting be by show of hands. The result of the first count was as follows:

Councillor Allan	-	5 votes
Councillor Rasmussen	-	2 votes
Mr Bob Seldon	-	3 votes.

As a result of Councillor Rasmussen having the least amount of votes in the first count he was subsequently excluded and a vote was taken between Councillor Allan and Mr Seldon with the result being - 5 votes received each and Mr Seldon being drawn out of the hat for the position of Chair.

In the absence of Mr Seldon, it was decided that Councillor Allan assume the role of Chair for this meeting.

Following the meeting, contact was made with Mr Seldon to confirm whether he would accept the position of Chair of the Board. Mr Seldon subsequently indicated that he did not wish to accept the appointment and pointed out he had suggested he would only stand for the position if it was uncontested by a Councillor and there was unanimous support for his nomination. Accordingly, a fresh election of Chair will need to be conducted at the next meeting.

2. Community Involvement in the Board

As a measure to encourage further business and community support for the objectives and strategies of the Board, it was resolved to hold an information evening on Wednesday, 17 November 1999 in the Bligh Room of the Windsor Function Centre, commencing at 6.00pm and concluding by approximately 7.30pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an overview of the objectives and current strategies of the Board and to enlist support and involvement in the various task groups.

Board members are requested to attend the event and to encourage key stakeholders in the community to attend and become involved. Board members are also requested to advise the Executive Officer of names of individuals who should be added to the invitation list. A press release has also been prepared.

3. Upgrade of Windsor Road

The information in the press releases from the Minister for Roads and Transport, Mr Carl Scully and the Member for Londonderry Mr Jim Anderson, was received and noted. Further, Minister Scully and Mr Anderson are to be advised that the Board is of the view that the ten year plan is considered too long a time frame and that the proposals should be fast tracked with provision also for Windsor and Old Windsor Road to be four lanes for the full thirty kilometres to Windsor rather than to Vineyard as proposed. Additionally, a letter of support is to be forwarded to Mr Michael Richardson Member for the Hills who has been pushing in State Parliament for the ten year plan to be fast tracked and for four lanes to be developed for the full length of the road.

In respect of the flood evacuation routes for Windsor, Council's Director of Asset Services, Mr Chris Daley is to be invited to the next meeting of the Board to address the options being considered.

4. 2000 Western Sydney Industry Awards

Consideration was given to the offer of sponsorship from the Office of Western Sydney, for the 2000 Western Sydney Industry Awards. It was noted that sponsorship packages ranged from $3,500 for the bronze category through to $25,000 cash for platinum sponsors and in view of the cost and the Board's limited budget, it was decided to refer the opportunity to the Council and to also discuss with Margaret Ryan from the Office of Western Sydney at the next meeting, other ways in which the Board can support the Awards, ie, support in kind and involvement in appropriate events.

5. Sponsorship of the Greater Western Sydney Investment Centre

Consideration was given to a report regarding the ongoing sponsorship of the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board's Investment Centre and the performance of the Centre to date. It was noted that the Centre has been operating for three years and the Board's three year contract which involved an investment of $10,000 in the Centre, is up for review at the end of June 2000. Accordingly, in view of the limited benefits being received from involvement in the Investment Centre, it was resolved that the Board signal its intention to the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board that at this stage, they do not intend providing ongoing funding for the Greater Western Sydney Investment Centre beyond the current financial year. Notwithstanding this, opportunities for involvement in specific marketing campaigns for various strategies of GWSEDB will be considered by the Board on its merits.

6. Projects Status Report and Upcoming Events

The information contained in this report which addressed issues such as the future of RAAF Richmond, the North West Sector Development Project and the Community Economic Development Conference, was received and noted.

In relation to the future of RAAF Richmond, it was reported that the North West Sydney Regional Development Organisation has recently resolved to ask the Mayor to form a task force to investigate future options for the use of the facilities and to play a lead role in the assessment of the economic impact on the region of any potential closure or realignment of the base. It was also reported that a decision is expected shortly on the prime contractor for the maintenance of hercules aircraft.

7. Reports from Industry Sectors

Discussion took place in relation to the need for effective two way communication between the Board and the individual organisations or industry sectors that delegates represent. As a result, it was resolved that delegates consult with their respective industries or organisations and report to the Board the latest developments or initiatives currently being pursued. Also industries are requested to provide feedback on the outcomes they would like the Board to achieve and how it can add value to their respective organisations/industry sectors.

As a measure to ensure their inclusion in the agenda for meetings, Board members are requested to provide the material at least two weeks prior to each meeting.

It was recognised that the facility has the potential to provide freight services in the future particularly as military freight movements are conducted from this Base at present.

8. Access to Water for Agriculture and Horticulture

Discussion took place in regard the availability of water for agriculture and horticulture industries and it was suggested that a study be initiated to determine how much water is available within the Hawkesbury Nepean system for our primary industries.

It was subsequently resolved to invite the General Manager to a future meeting to discuss this issue and to also investigate funding options for a study to determine the amount of water available in the Hawkesbury Nepean system, for agriculture and horticulture industries.

9. Facilitation of Development in the Area

Discussion took place in relation to the need for the Board to actively assist business looking to relocate to the area and the encouragement of existing businesses to expand their operations.

It was resolved to initiate the preparation of a policy document which outlines the process for dealing with businesses looking to locate within the area or existing businesses proposing to expand including a requirement to refer proposals generating either directly or indirectly significant employment opportunities in the area, to the Board for its consideration and comment to the Council on the economic impact of the proposal.

A draft policy is to be prepared for the consideration of the Board at its next meeting and subsequent referral to the Council for its determination.

10. Greater Western Sydney Economic Board - Industry Strategy

It was reported that the Greater Western Sydney Economic Industry Strategy has been released and a copy of Strategy outline is provided for all Board members.

NEXT MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.45am and the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 3 December 1999.

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Hawkesbury Healthy City Steering Committee - 11 November 1999

Minutes of the Hawkesbury Healthy City Steering Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11 November 1999 in the Records Meeting Room, Hawkesbury City Council, commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT:	Darren Carr	- Cancer Council
	Adriana Genova	- Hawkesbury City Council
	Dr.Rex Stubbs (Mayor)	- Hawkesbury City Council
	Ester Anderson	- Hawkesbury city Council
	Janet Hogge	- Hawkesbury City Council
	Brent Powis	- WHO Collaborating Centre
	Katrina Denning	- Hawkesbury District Health Service

1. APOLOGIES: Garry Baldry - Hawkesbury City Council
John MacDonald - UWS Hawkesbury

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

3. HEALTH PROMOTION CHALLENGE

- A proposal for the running of the awards/challenge was distributed by the communications group to the committee. The steering committee accepted the idea and the communications group will be meeting prior to the next meeting to “tie up any loose ends”.

- The question of the number of potential winners was raised and how often an award would be given. It was decided that, depending on the amount of nominations and the number of categories, that an award could be given every month. If there were a number of outstanding nominations, there may be joint winners for a month or special categories for some months.

- The use of the Healthy City Logo was raised and criteria for its use. It was concluded that a new logo be developed representing Healthy Cities Hawkesbury. The idea for the new logo will be advertised as a school competition to be launched around February 2000.

4. HAWKESBURY SHOW

- It was suggested that the tent used by Council at the show be shared with other organisations which promote a healthy city, eg the Police.
The cost to each organisation to share the tent needs to be considered. All parties will benefit because resources can be shared, eg the number of staff required to man the tent during the three days of the show.

The display will have to show linkages between the different organisations/groups, healthy cities and physical well being.

- It was also suggested that the Health Promotion Challenge be tied in with the display at the show.
- Key stakeholders will be asked to contribute financially to produce brochures to promote healthy cities.
- It was suggested that when a company/individual makes a donation to Healthy Cities, a system of recognition could be devised along the same lines of gold, silver and bronze status.

5. UPDATE FROM THE CANCER COUNCIL

- The child protection forum was held on Wednesday 10/11/99 and was a success. A total of 20 childcare centres attended and discussions took place on how to implement the strategy. As a result of the forum it was considered that the childcare centres have more of an understanding of the dangers of sun exposure than the parents of the children.
- A total of 26 replies have been received for the workers forum. A final number will be ascertained this week.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- The following documents were tabled at the meeting:
  - a report on the Hawkesbury Healthy City Program by Mr Amu (Trainee student from University of Western Sydney);
  - a report of Healthy Cities in Australia by Professor Fran Baum; and
  - a copy of the brochure advertising the Australian National Healthy Cities Conference to be held next March.

NEXT MEETING:

9 December 1999 in the Committee Room, Hawkesbury City Council.

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Hawkesbury Sports Council - Management Committee Meeting - 12 November 1999

The meeting was declared open at 7.45 pm

Present: L. Sheather, S. Broadbent, S. Lothian, J. Wellington, D. Bertenshaw, S. Lowe, J. Peare, G. Bannerman, C. Eilbeck

Also Present: D. Tait (Staff), G. Banting (HCC), R. Morphett (Staff), B. Heterick (Hawkesbury Jets In-Line Hockey).

Apologies: T. Mackey.

Resolved on the motion of S. Lowe seconded by J. Wellington
That standing orders be suspended and G. Bannerman chair the meeting as the President will be late arriving.

Hawkesbury Jets In-Line Hockey Club:
Discussion was held in regards to the problems facing this Club who currently have to travel to Wollongong, Long Jetty and Caringbah to complete in the Sydney Competition due to lack of necessary equipment at their current venue. They currently require approx $2,000 for the erection of an electronic scoreboard which may require additional electrical wiring.

Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by L. Sheather
That the Hawkesbury Jets In-Line Hockey Club forward a written proposal and forward plan to the Sports Council for consideration.

Resolved on the motion of S. Lothian seconded by J. Peare
That standing orders be resumed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Resolved on the motion of L. Sheather seconded by S. Broadbent
That the minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true record.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:
None.

Finance Report:
G. Bannerman declared an interest in cheque no. 101960.

Resolved on the motion of C. Eilbeck seconded by J. Peare
That the finance report as presented be accepted.

Correspondence:
Resolved on the motion of C. J. Peare seconded by C. Eilbeck
That the correspondence items 15473 to 15553 be received as per detailed breakdown provided at the meeting and available on request.

Correspondence items discussed:

15473	Richmond Tennis sponsorship request - forwarded to HCC. ***(HCC contributed $50 per player)***
15486	Crane Family return thank you card. ***(received)***
15488	Glossodia Cricket Club - clubhouse proposal. ***Resolved on the motion of S. Broadbent seconded by D. Bertenshaw that the proposal be put on hold pending detailed plan for DA lodgement.***
15493	W. Rooney - re croquet at Active Australia Day. ***(comments noted)***
15499	Windsor Rugby League - expression of interest in Colonial Drive Reserve. ***(refer to Office Report)***
15520	NSW Cricket - thank you letter. ***(received)***
15525	McMahons Park Management Committee - support for Bensons Land purchase. ***(received - cc to Hawkesbury City Council)***
15528	Clr. Hewlett - Lightening Ridge Council - thank you letter. ***(received)***
15536	Hawkesbury Grade Cricket - awning proposal. ***(cc to Hawkesbury Aussie Rules - DA will be required)***
15537	Windsor Softball Club - advertising signs. Resolved on the motion of C. Eilbeck seconded by S. Broadbent ***That a copy be provided to Hawkesbury Softball Association for comment as long as the proposal falls within our Sign Policy.***
15543	Grant Collins - nomination for sub-committee. Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by L. Sheather ***That the nomination be accepted when the sub-committee is formed.***
15545	Hawkesbury Aussie Rules - Bensons grounds. ***(Aussie Rules be invited to a meeting to discuss further)***
15547	UWS Hawkesbury - Turf wicket. ***(Uni to be contacted in March 2000 re next summer season - Administrator to discuss with G. McCully)***
15549	Hawkesbury Aussie Rules - Bensons 2 lighting upgrade. ***(to be discussed at arranged meeting - not in our current programme).***
15553	Hawkesbury City Council - Active Australia Day Certificate. ***(received)***

<u>Late Item:</u> Resignation from Greg Bannerman - Vice President.

D. Bertenshaw, on behalf of the Sports Council thanked Greg for his work and guidance over the past 9 years, wished him luck in his new position and regretfully accepted the resignation.

Jean Peare also thanked Greg for all he has done for the community and also wished him well in Cowra as did all committee members present.

HCC Report:

Ranger Status:	Sports Council Committee members are requested to report on the draft proposal.
Icely Amenities:	Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by J. Wellington ***That we formally request this essential project not be omitted from HCC's programme as it is a Sports Council priority and we do not have funds for Capital Building Improvements.***
Woodlands Amenities:	Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by J. Wellington ***That this project be included with the Icely Amenities recommendation.***
Colbee Park:	DA has been re-lodged.
Vehicle:	It was advised that HCC does not generally provide vehicles for community bodies. The Sports Council determined that they should fund this vehicle following a reprioritisation of their capital works program. Clr. Sheather is to follow up with HCC.
Colonial Reserve:	Drainage plan provided by HCC and ground would only require minimal fill to allow for usage as a Sporting Field. Administrator to arrange for public meeting with users / neighbours prior to DA lodgement.
Interest Free Loans:	Requests for Interest Free Loans should be made through HCC.
Cleaning:	To be advised.
Sale of Council Land:	Resolved on the motion of S. Lowe seconded by J. Wellington ***That Council be requested, in principle, to allocate funds from recreational land sales for future recreational improvements.***
HCC Business Papers:	Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by J. Peare ***That the Sports Council provide a quarterly report to HCC detailing operational funds and capital priorities to provide appropriate acquittal.***
HCC Memo:	a) Report from Russell Moxey re Bensons drain ponding. ***(drain was not affected by groundworks, levels were not altered, L. Sheather to contact Russell Moxey).***
	b) Maraylya Park mowing: ***(this park has been returned to HCC's control and now comes under their mowing contract)***

Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by J. Peare
That the report be accepted.

COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Sale of operational land:	Resolved on the motion of J. Peare seconded by S. Lowe ***That we request funds raised by sale of operational / recreation land be passed to the Sports Council to be used for further development of recreation.***
G. Bannerman:	Les spoke of Greg's contribution to the community over many years and thanked him on behalf of not only the Sports Council but also the community.

Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by J. Peare
That the report be accepted.

Office Report:

Windsor Rugby League Meeting - 14th October.

Present: David Bertenshaw, Dianne Tait, Steve Broadbent and Anne Brown.

Discussions were held in regards to:
Necessary groundworks and drainage
Floodlighting
Usage
Timeframe
Financial contribution
Amalgamation with Hawkesbury Rugby League

Windsor Rugby League have provided a written expression of interest and confirmation of their contribution the cost of the works.

Discussion to be held with HCC on Friday 15th regarding proposal.

Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by S. Lowe
That we hold a meeting with Windsor Rugby Leagues Club to clarify items raised in their letter.

HCC Meeting - Friday 15th October:

Present: C. Daley, G. McCully, L. Sheather & D. Tait.

Discussions were held in regard to:

Kemsley Downs: As HCC does not have enough funds for stage 1 of the amenities building it was agreed that a new quote be prepared for a toilet facility only as due to current and foreseeable usage a full amenities block is not required.

Colbee Park: C. Daley has re-lodged the DA.
Work can commence on the Keegan's part of the complex.

Brinsley Drain: Sports Council to advise timeframe for work to be done.
Will take approx 4 days and is for drain under park only not from street.
Question: Will the expenditure of $37,500 on this work without the street portion fix the problem and is it felt necessary when with future development there will be additional fields available?.
Pitt Town Soccer & Cricket have been requested to advise.
(Clr. Sheather to further investigate)

Mileham Ct 11: Drainage work can be carried out no DA required.

Icely Amenities: Closing date for quotes is Monday 18th. HCC will advise SC of anticipated price for discussion at our Nov. meeting.
(Quotes received vary from $69,800 to $94,586 refer to HCC report for recommendation).

Icely Ground 2: Safety concerns of this being a full size field again. HCC have no problems with the installation of two permanent poles for the erection of a "net" type fence to keep balls off Dight Street.
(Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Soccer Club have been advised).

Richmond Park: HCC suggests we contact the adjoining RSL Club regarding the storage of the new site screens. They will not fit into HCC's storage area.
(HDCA to approach the RSL Club)

Berger Irrigation: HCC to cost the connection of irrigation to the Berger Road Lake to alleviate the need for connection to "mains" water.
(Plan provided for Sydney Water Irrigation - awaiting quote)

Berger Lighting: Upon receipt of a design & quote a DA lodgement is required.
(Design available - awaiting quote)

Skate Parks: HCC will instigate the community consultation process for a Skate Park in North Richmond. HCC suggested site is the Keda Circuit Park HSC site is Heritage / Hawkesbury Park.
(HCC to proceed with proposal)

Vineyard Park: G. McCully agreed that HCC have resolved that funding from the sale of sporting facilities goes to the SC. It is proposed that the sub-committee consider the option of requesting HCC to begin the process of the re-zoning of the land to Industrial for future sale and the funds received, less costs, be given to the Sports Council.
(A further report be provided)

Woodlands Park: The amenities upgrade cost was approx. $60,000 of which HCC are prepared to contribute $30,000. This is a priority for the Sports Council due to the condition of the existing building and was proposed in HCC's Capital Building programme.
(refer to HCC report for resolution)

Colonial: C. Daley to look at the drainage plan and advise what groundworks would be required to make this ground usable for sport. Offer from Windsor Leagues Club was well received and quotes are to be obtained following field placement advice from HCC. A D.A. and community consultation will be required for the lighting.
(plan received - refer to HCC report for resolution)

Bensons Land: HCC were advised that the purchase of the land is still our first priority for usage as a football complex.

Turnbull Oval: Hawkesbury Rugby League are remaining one club and do not wish to amalgamate with Windsor so they will require Turnbull for the coming season.

McMahons Park: Chairman, Herb Weller collected information on various field sizes as they are preparing various plan options for the use of the park. HCC advised that they cannot force the committee to come under the SC and it must be left to them to decide that they would be better off if they did. Discussion was held on the funding for the necessary works to bring the park up to an acceptable standard.

Gt West Games: Banner collected and delivered to Richmond Tennis Centre.

New Year's Eve Party:
Plans are well underway. A meeting is to be held on Monday 8th November at 6.30 pm for groups wishing to sell food**.** Site plan to be formalised at a meeting on Wednesday 17th November at 6 pm.

Disabled Access:
A meeting is to be arranged to discuss future consideration for disabled access to our amenities.

Bensons Lane:
Fencing is complete, shade awnings have been installed and a landscaping plan is currently being prepared Hawkesbury Grade Cricket have concreted an area facing Bensons 1 and are currently preparing a detailed plan for a shade awning. They contributed $700 towards the concrete and the balance of the job worth $2,300 was donated. The new shade area will be done voluntarily by two local builders and Grade Cricket have requested that we provide the approx $2,500 for the materials.

Recommendation:
That the Sports Council pay for the necessary materials.

Resolved on the motion of S. Lowe seconded by D. Bertenshaw
That the recommendation be accepted.

Christmas Closing:
Whilst I will be available on the mobile over the Christmas break it is

Recommended:
That the office be closed from Friday 17th December to Tuesday 4th January.

Resolved on the motion of J. Peare seconded by J. Wellington
That the recommendation be accepted.

Year 2000 Sporting Seasons:
Despite several telephone calls, to date the only association that has advised of the changes to their seasons is Penrith Rugby League. This may cause major problems after Christmas with ground allocations.

General Business:

a) Forward Growth Sub-Committee:

Attached please find a summary showing season usage (not training), fees received and mowing expenses for each ground.

This summary does not include maintenance, vandalism or capital works and is intended to provide an “easy to see” reason why we must look at better utilisation of our grounds.

It is suggested that the sub-committee look at:

a) seasonal usage
b) fee structure
c) continued servicing of under used grounds
e) complexing
f) sale of Vineyard Park
g) effect of GST on sporting groups.

Consumable Fees:

Attached please find water & electricity summaries for the last financial year.

nb: There has been a 6.6% increase in electricity costs.
There is also a 5c per mgl increase in water costs.

Based on the last financial year - the water costs will increase to $36,505 and the electricity to $16,969, this represents an increase of $3,079.

If the "consumable fee" is to remain, it should be called a "player fee" to avoid confusion with some groups.

Resolved on the motion of D. Bertenshaw seconded by S. Lowe
That the Administrator provide a further report to the next meeting.

b) **Electricity Charges:**

There has never been an increase in the floodlighting fee for the past 5 years and the price has just increased by 6.6%,

Recommendation:
That our floodlighting fee be increased to a minimum of $60 per season per night (.77c hour).

Resolved on the motion of S. Lothian seconded by C. Eilbeck
That HCC be advised of the proposed new floodlighting fees, clubs be notified and the fees be advertised.

c) **Woodbury Reserve:**
A community consultation meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 23rd November from 6.30pm to 8 pm at the Glossodia Community Centre. HCC requests representation from the Sports Council at the meeting although it is mainly for the land adjoining the reserve.
(President and Administrator to attend)

d) **Draft Management Plan:**
It is necessary that our Draft Management Plan be accepted at the first meeting in 2000.
(Committee to advise any concerns before February meeting)

e) **User Guide:**
It is also requested that this be accepted at the same meeting.
(Committee to advise any concerns before February meeting)

f) **<u>Leisure Centres Board:</u>**
Resolved on the motion of J. Peare seconded by D. Bertenshaw
That, if requested by HCC, Dianne Tait be nominated as the Sports Council's representative for Hawkesbury Leisure Centres Inc. in place of G Bannerman.

Meeting closed 11.05 pm - next meeting Friday 3rd December 7.30 pm (Christmas Dinner)

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Heritage Advisory Committee - 18 November 1999

Minutes of the Heritage Advisory committee held onThursday 18 November 1999 commencing at 6.00 pm

PRESENT: Mr D Bradshaw, Mr M. Fibbens, Ms D Campbell, Mr S Doggett, Mr E Karhunen, Mr G Edds, Dr. L Sullivan, Mr B Flakelar, Professor I Jack, Ms J Somerville (Heritage Advisor), Mr M Ryan

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor G Gilling, Mr P Pleffer

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

   The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 October were adopted with the following changes:

   Item 4.1 last sentence, changed to read: "*Dr. Lucy Sullivan offered to visit with Ms Somerville to assist Mr Rafferty*".

   Item 4.3 first sentence, changed to read: "*Philip Pleffer advised that Professor Ian Jack had provided an historical report and illustration of Richmond Park.*" Last sentence, second paragraph, the word "*muted*" to be replaced with the word "*proposed*". Last sentence, fourth paragraph, the word "*conservation*" to be inserted before "*management plan*".

   Item 6.2 last sentence to read: "*Agreement has been reached between Council and the applicants on remedial works and amended plans for the proposed additions are to be prepared and submitted to Council.*"

   Item 7.3 to read "*Dennis Bradshaw advised that Toxana had suffered water damage due to a burst water pipe. He then advised that the works had been made good and congratulated Council staff on the work done.*"

   Item 7.6 to read "*Max Hatherly noted the poor condition of some of the monuments within the Cemetery and requested that Council staff make arrangements for the better maintenance of the graves.*"

   The items for adoption are to be amended accordingly.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

   1. It was agreed that draft minutes, prior to going to Council for confirmation, be faxed out to the Chairman of the Committee .

   2. "Springhill Barn" - Request that Council order the stabilisation of the building.

3. The Committee requests a report on the management of significant/heritage trees.

4. The Committee noted that St. Stephens had now submitted amended plans.

5. The Committee noted that the Wilberforce cemetery is in need of maintenance and recent damage was evident.

   The result is as follows:

   (a) investigate the possibility of submitting a claim that the cemetery is of State significance and should receive Commonwealth funding;

   (b) there is a need to make application to have the cemetery listed on the State Heritage Register'

   (c) the Committee wish to investigate applying for funds for the Year 2001 round of funding from Environmental Australia.; and,

   (d) the Committee will prepare an application for recognition of the cemetery on the State Register.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was tabled from Mr Jessop and the Committee noted that the matter had been referred to Council's Park's staff.

5. HERITAGE ADVISOR INSPECTION/REFERRAL UPDATE

i) 12 Charles Street, North Richmond - a meeting had been conducted with a new architect. New schedule of works and lodgement of DA is expected before Christmas.

ii) Inspection of general store at Kurrajong Heights was carried out to discuss the refurbishment and adaptation of the building, and addition of a service station.

6. WILBERFORCE SCHOOL OF ARTS

The Committee acknowledges Council's resolution regarding the refurbishment of this building.

7. RICHMOND PARK

Ms Somerville tabled a plan. The Committee suggested that the screening van move to the south-west corner of the carpark or be placed on the street near the Mall. Ms Somerville is to make comment on the design of the Park and submit it to Asset Services Division.

8. MEETING WITH COUNCIL

This is to be arranged for the near future.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee has requested a report on the Committee's "Terms of Reference", including funding, so that this matter can be referred to Council.

Ms Somerville advised that a draft report is now available by the Heritage Office on "The Cumberland Plain Colonial Landscape".

The Committee asked for an update on the status of the Draft Brief for the Hawkesbury Heritage Study Review and requested to see a copy of it.

The Committee expressed concern about the proposals by the Richmond Club for a proposed multi-storey car park and housing proposal.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday 9th December 1999.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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Local Traffic Committee - 19 November 1999

Present: Councillor P Davies (Chairman)
The Hon K Rozzoli, MP
Mr D Lamont, Roads & Traffic Committee
Snr Constable B Larkin, NSW Police Service

Apologies: Mr J Anderson, MP
Mr R Elson, Department of Transport

Also Present: Mr C Daley, Director Asset Services & Recreation
Mr T Shepherd, Administrative Officer, Asset Services & Recreation

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1 MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October, 1999 were confirmed.

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Bells Line of Road, North Richmond/Kurmond - B-Double Route Application - Roads & Traffic Authority. GT230/004 Pt 04; 243/R Pt 10

Seeking comment regarding environmental and community issues in relation to the declaration of Bells Line of Road, North Richmond/Kurmond from Redbank Road to 1411 Kurmond Road, Kurmond as a B-Double Route.

Report

1 in relation to Bells Line of Road the environmental and community issues have been assessed as suitable overall against the guidelines; and,

2 the section of Kurmond Road between Bells Line of Road and Tierney Road is suitable for classification as part of a B-Double Route under “Route Assessment Guidelines for B-Doubles and Road Train (1998)”.

3 the applicant has not taken delivery of a B-Double vehicle and seeks deferral of this application until January, 2000.

Recommendation

That further consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Committee meeting to be held on 21 January, 2000.

2.2 Bligh Park - Traffic Management -NSW Police Service/C &D Escott GT230/002 Pt6

Advised of representations dated 29 August, 1999 received from C & D Escott regarding the incidence of heavy vehicles parking on residential roads within Bligh Park.

Report

1. Deferred from the meeting held on 15 October, 1999 for further consideration at this meeting;

2. Parking of trucks exceeding three (3) tonnes unladen weight in residential areas is a breach of the Motor Traffic Act.

Recommendation

That this matter be referred to the NSW Police Service.

3 Reports

3.1 Day/ Macquarie Streets, Windsor - Line Marking - NSW Police Service/Hawkesbury City Council. 418/R Pt 02;1341/R Pt 04.

In response to representations regarding traffic conflict in relation to the right turn manoeuvre from Day Street, Windsor onto Macquarie Street, and following recommendation by the Local Traffic Committee, Council has previously resolved that the Roads & Traffic Authority be requested to instal the following pavement marking:

1. On Day Street, mark right turn arrow within the median lane and right and left turn arrow within the kerb-side lane; and,

2. mark broken lane delineation lines on Macquarie Street to delineate right turn lanes from Day Street.

Oral advice has been received from the Roads & Traffic Authority that these works will be completed by mid- December, 1999.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

3.2 Glebe/Pitt Town Roads, Pitt Town - Regulatory Signage - Hawkesbury City Council. 733/R Pt 02 ; 1513/R Pt 03

In response to a Question Without Notice by Mr D Lamont of the Roads & Traffic Authority, the Committee, at its meeting held on 1 October, 1999 resolved that Give Way regulatory signage and holding line be installed on Glebe Road, Pitt Town at its intersection with Pitt Town Road.

This decision was inadvertently omitted from the Minutes of that meeting and Council authorisation has not been given for erection of that regulatory signage.

Recommendation

That advance intersection warning signage, Give Way regulatory signage and holding line be installed on Glebe Road, Pitt Town at its intersection with Pitt Town Road and the Roads & Traffic Authority be requested to erect a sight board on Pitt Town Road opposite Glebe Road.

3.3 Beaumont Avenue, North Richmond - Regulatory Signage - Hawkesbury City Council. 227/R Pt 02

Representations have been received requesting some form of regulatory signage on the northern side of Beaumont Avenue, North Richmond to allow access by water carters to hydrant fill point; the situation is occurring whereby patrons of the sporting facilities located on Beaumont Avenue are parking out water carriers, particularly on week-ends.

Report

1 Sydney Water stipulates use of particular hydrants as fill points by water carters following closure of the overhead standpipes approximately two (2) years ago; and,

2 Discussion with the Roads & Traffic Authority indicates that “No Parking - Water Carters Excepted” would be a suitable restriction.

Recommendation

That “No Parking - Water Carters Excepted” regulatory signage be erected for a suitable distance on the northern side of Beaumont Avenue, North Richmond at the water hydrant on the bend adjacent to the sporting fields.

3.4 Terrace Road, North Richmond - Edge Line Marking - Hawkesbury City Council 2003/R Pt 03

Following recommendation by the Committee, Council, at its meeting held on 10 August, 1999, resolved that edge line marking be installed on Terrace Road, North Richmond between Redbank Creek and Gormley Street.

Terrace Road traverses a distance of approximately 4.35 Kilometres between Redbank Creek and Gormley Street.

From Redbank Creek to a distance of approximately 1.95 Kilometres there is currently Centre and Edge lines. From this point to Gormley Street is intermediate Centre line marking be it 'BB' (double unbroken), 'BS' (single unbroken and single broken), 'S1' (single broken) etc, but without Edge lines. The primary reason for this is the current width of seal. This width of seal ranges from 5.8 metres to 6.1 metres., with a few isolated localities being wider.

In accordance with AS1742.2 (4.3.5) the recommended minimum width of seal for edge line marking is 6.80 m. The current seal does not lend itself to this. Based on this edge lines should not be marked from Chainage 1.95 Kilometres to 4.35 Kilometres.

The current layout of lines continuing from Chainage 1.95 Kilometres is as follows:

Chainage:		Lines:
1.95 to 2.10	Kilometres	BB
2.10 to 2.57	Kilometres	S1
2.57 to 2.72	Kilometres	BS
2.72 to 2.95	Kilometres	BB (Chainage 2.86 at Wire Lane)
2.95 to 3.40	Kilometres	NO LINES
3.40 to 3.60	Kilometres	BB
3.60 to 3.70	Kilometres	BS
3.70 to 4.04	Kilometres	NO LINES
4.04 to 4.80	Kilometres	BB (Chainage 4.35 at Gormley Street)

The only options available are to:

1) Provide centre line marking where gaps currently exist ie)
   - Chainage 2.95 Kilometres to 3.40 Kilometres, and
   - Chainage 3.70 Kilometres to 4.04 Kilometres.

2) To install reflectorised guide posts along this stretch of road to help further delineate the proximity of the edge of seal.

Recommendation

That the following works be undertaken in a north-easterly direction on Terrace Road, North Richmond over the chainages indicated, measured from Redbank Creek:

(1) Provide centre line marking at the following locations:

(a) Chainage 2.95 kilometres to 3.40 kilometres, and,

(b) Chainage 3.70 kilometres to 4.04 kilometres; and,

(2) Install reflectorised guide posts between Chainage 1.95 kilometres and Chainage 4.80 kilometres.

3.5 Cox/Church Streets, South Windsor - Alteration of Priority; NSW Police Service/Ms K Smith 119/R Pt 02;353/R Pt 03; GT230/011 Pt 03

The Local Traffic Committee previously resolved to investigate the alteration of priority at selected intersections along Church and Cox Streets in an attempt to reduce vehicle speeds along these streets.

In addition, representations have been received from the NSW Police Service on behalf of Ms K Smith, 34 Church Street, South Windsor regarding traffic conditions on Church Street, South Windsor, particularly at the intersection of Church/Argyle Streets where construction of a roundabout is sought.

In support of construction of a roundabout, Ms Smith cites one serious collision and several near misses caused by vehicles disobeying the “Give Way” signs governing Argyle Street; with regard to Church Street, the issue is speeding vehicles allegedly attributable to patrons of the Oasis Swimming Centre.

Further representations have been received from Ms Smith regarding an additional accident subsequent to the foregoing representations by the NSW Police Service on her behalf and reinforcing concerns regarding traffic conditions on Church Street.

Both issues have been considered independently by the Committee on previous occasions, however have been deferred pending receipt of revised traffic counts on Drummond/Church/Cox Streets as well as accident data from the NSW Police Service.

This information is to hand, and as each issue is related, it is proposed that they be jointly dealt with in this report.

Report

1 Traffic Counts

Traffic counts were undertaken on Drummond, Church, Cox Streets and McQuade Avenue during 26 October, 1999 - 2 November, 1999 with 85% speeds as noted below; the figure appearing in brackets, where given, is the 85% speed recorded in traffic counts conducted during 17-26 July, 1999.

A Drummond Street

Location	**Eastbound**	**Westbound**
Between George/Church (ADT 1065)	45 (45)	46 (46)

B Church Street

Location	Northbound	Southbound
Between Bell/Argyle (ADT 630)	75 (63)	55 (60)
Between Argyle/Campbell (ADT 821)	59 (62)	62 (59)
Between Campbell/James (ADT 819)	52 (57)	61 (57)
Between James/Drummond (ADT 769)	61 (62)	69 (66)

C Cox Street

Location	Northbound	Southbound
Between Argyle/Bell (ADT 515)	61	57
Between Argyle/Campbell (ADT 572)	59	60
Between Campbell/James (ADT 708)	63	59
Between James/Ham (ADT 554)	64	68

D McQuade Avenue

Location	Northbound	Southbound
At No 23 (ADT 229)	52	53

2 Cox & Church Streets - Alteration of Priority

An investigation into the feasibility of this proposal has been carried out and the following conclusions have been reached:

(a) Vehicles travelling along Cox and Church Streets have significant sight distance into the side street at many of the intersections. This combined with the low traffic volumes in the side streets could result in vehicles failing to stop or even slow down if the intersection priority was altered.

(b) The road network layout in this area is a grid system with straight runs on Cox and Church Streets between intersecting streets varying between 250 to 500 metres. This distance is sufficient for vehicles to easily attain high speeds between intersections, assuming they had stopped at altered give way signs at an intersecting street.

(c) By altering the intersection priority, there is a significant risk that vehicles travelling along Cox and Church Streets will not observe the give way signage, as the road geometry and width in these streets gives the impression that they are the continuing road. This may increase the potential for accidents in the area.

(d) If the intersection priority along Cox and Church Streets were to be altered, it should be considered as a part of an overall local area traffic management scheme incorporating the following elements:

1 Construction of concrete median islands in Church and Cox Streets at the intersections to narrow the approaches and emphasise the intersection priority (similar to the treatment installed at Mileham Street and Woods Road).

2 Construction of midblock and gateway treatments in Church and Cox Streets between selected intersections to reduce vehicle speeds.

Substantial funding would be required for design and construction of any local area traffic management scheme referred to in (d)(2) above.

3 Church & Argyle Streets - Traffic Conditions

a) Both the eastern and western approaches of Argyle Street to Church Street are governed by a single “Give Way” sign, with holding lines.

b) Putting aside the speed of vehicles on Church Street, motorists traversing Argyle Street appear to be failing to observe regulatory signage for unknown reasons.

4 Accident Data

The NSW Police Service has provided the following data in relation to P4 category accidents during 1/1996 - 9/1999; P4 criteria are: driver left scene/driver under influence/fatal collision/injury collision/property damage/two away collision.

McQuade Avenue:	Mid-Block	1
Cox Street at:	Ham Street	2
	James Street	1
	Campbell Street	2
	Bell Street	1
Church Street at:	Ham Street	1
	James Street	1

Campbell Street	1
Argyle Street	9

Recommendation

1 That no further action be taken regarding alteration of traffic flow priorities on Church and Cox Streets , South Windsor;

2 That a central median island and "STOP" signage be installed on both the eastern and western intersection of Argyle Street with Church Street;

3 That traffic counts conducted during 26 October, 1999 - 2 November, 1999 be forwarded to the NSW Police Service with a request that this area be intensively patrolled; and,

4 That the intersection of Church and Argyle Streets, South Windsor be further reviewed six (6) months after construction of central median islands and installation of "STOP" signage on Argyle Street at its intersection with Church Street.

3.6 Southee Road, Richmond - Weight Restriction - M McInerney 1946/R Pt2

Requested imposition of 3 tonne weight restriction on Southee Road, Richmond due to pavement damage and noise from heavy vehicles particularly early morning.

Report:

Traffic counts were undertaken between Anderson Street and Londonderry Road during 12-18 October 1999 with the following results:

Total Number of Vehicles:	1) Westbound:	8734
	2) Eastbound:	8204
		16938
Average Daily Traffic Movements:		2420
85% Speed	1) Westbound	65
	2) Eastbound	66
Heavy Vehicles	1) Westbound	287 (3.3%)
	2) Eastbound	331 (1.9%)

Recommendation:

That no further action be taken regarding this matter.

3.7 Spinks Road, Glossodia - Traffic Conditions - J Bowman 1908/R Pt4

Requesting installation of "No Parking" signage on the norther side of Spinks Road, Glossodia east of Grand Parade due to alleged restricted sight distance when entering Spinks Road from Grand Parade when vehicles are parked east of the intersection.

Report:

1 Residential properties front Spinks Road east of Grand Parade;

2 Accident data held by Council does not reveal any right - far accidents.

3 This intersection is no different to any number of similar intersections within the area.

Recommendation:

That no further action be taken in respect of this matter.

3.8 Grose Wold Road, Grose Wold - Traffic Conditions - Grose View Public School 723/R Pt02

Requesting installation of a pedestrian crossing on Grose Wold Road at Grose View Public School as well as provision of 45 degree angle parking opposite the School to alleviate parking problems.

Report

1 With regard to 45 degree angle parking, inspection reveals an unsealed road shoulder two (2) metres in width with the nature strip being three (3) metres in width; Council's current parking policy requires a minimum parking bay depth of 6.4 metres in providing 45 degree angle parking.

2 Pedestrian/vehicle counts were undertaken on 15 November, 1999 with the following results:

Time	Pedestrians	Vehicles	PV
8.15am-9.15am	111	205	22755
2.15pm-3.15pm	92	117	10764

3 Under "Guidelines For Traffic Facilities"(RTA), a warrant is established for installation of a Childrens Crossing.

4 Installation of that crossing would require construction of kerb & gutter and a small section of concrete footpath opposite the School, ramp on the School side as well as the crossing infrastructure; funding for these works has not been provided in the current Works Programme.

Recommendation

That construction of a Childrens Crossing on Grose Wold Road, Grose Wold at Grose View Public School be undertaken within the 1999 - 2000 Works Programme.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Hon K Rozzoli joined the meeting at this stage.

3.9 Schofields/Old Pitt Town Roads, Pitt Town -- Traffic Conditions -- G Perkins 1937/R Pt02; 1513/R Pt 03

Advising of restricted sight distance north along Old Pitt Town Road, Pitt Town from Schofields Road due to shrubbery in the property adjoining the intersection.

Report

1 The sealed section of Schofields Road intersects with the inside curve of Old Pitt Town Road as indicated on the attached sketch plan;

2 At present, sight distance to the north from Schofields Road is approximately sixty (60) metres due to low branching Grevillea shrubs; this length of sight distance is felt to be inadequate given the speed limit of 80kph;

3 Removal of internal shrubbery for a distance of fifteen (15) metres would lengthen sight distance to a more desirable approximate one hundred and twenty (120) metres.

Recommendation

That consultation be undertaken with the property owners regarding removal of approximately fifteen (15) metres of internal shrubbery on the intersection of Old Pitt Town Road and Schofields Road, Pitt Town.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Grose Vale Road, Kurrajong - Traffic Conditions - Kurrajong Public School - 722/R Pt6

Advising of a lack of parent set down/pick up area on Grose Vale Road, Kurrajong at Kurrajong Public School and lack of a footpath on the southern side of the recently installed wombat crossing adjacent to the school; additional correspondence dated 11 October, 1999 received from Kurrajong Public School seeking an on-site inspection was noted.

Report

1 Site conditions constrain available options at this location, particularly as parking is not available opposite the school;

2 Suggested relocation of the bus zone and angle parking would not achieve practical resolution of difficulties faced by parents, and, in reverting to parallel parking, would probably result in loss of one (1) parking space.

3 Ample parking is available generally south of the school, however, would require parents/children to walk to the school gate.

4 With regard to the wombat crossing, whilst a short section of concrete foot paving has been provided additional foot paving for a distance of nine (9) metres in a westerly direction and approximately sixteen (16) metres in an easterly direction would enhance dispersal of children from the crossing.

5 Deferred from the meeting held on 15 October, 1999 pending site inspection on this date as well as preparation of plan depicting proposed relocation of School Bus Zone;

6 Site inspection carried out on this date in company with Mr B Fairhall, Principal, Kurrajong Public School and Ms S Weller, President, P & C Association; Plan No. 722-61A depicting proposed alterations was available at the site meeting.

Recommendation

That the following works be undertaken on the northern side of Grose Vale Road, Kurrajong adjacent to Kurrajong Public School:

(1) That the existing time restricted Bus Zone and dedicated parking zones be transposed;

(2) Within the new Bus Zone location, mark three (3) dedicated parallel parking bays;

(3) The new parking zone between the island and the School be dedicated "No Parking/8.30am - 9.30am/3.00pm - 4.00pm/School Days";

(4) That a broken holding line be marked on the pavement between the eastern end of the island and the kerb & gutter line; and,

(5) The regulatory sign on the eastern end of the island be relocated two (2) metres in a westerly direction.

5 REPORTS

5.1 Overton Road/Peel Parade, Kurrajong - Regulatory Signage - J Blair 1643/R Pt2

Requesting installation of “Give Way” regulatory signage on Peel Parade, Kurrajong at its intersection with Overton Road to resolve traffic conflict.

Report:

1 Motorists are perceiving Peel Parade and the northern axis of Overton Road as a through road, thus having priority;

2 The western axis of Overton Road between Comleroy Road and the intersection of Peel Parade/Overton road is perceived as the terminating road.

3 A golf course situated on Peel Parade is scheduled to commence operation in December 1998; in addition, a 25 lot subdivision is also fronting Peel Parade, and is scheduled to be released at approximately the same. Both will impact on traffic flow patterns.

4 A site inspection was carried out on this date.

Recommendation:

That a plan depicting traffic management options be submitted to the next meeting.

5.2 Mileham Street South Windsor - Traffic Conditions - S Johnston 1352/R Pt4

Advising of restricted sight distance on egress from the factory units located at 46 Mileham Street, South Windsor, allegedly due to parked vehicles to the North of the drive entrance to No 46, and being in front of a take-away store; requesting installation of “No Parking” signage.

Report:

1 Installation of “No Parking” signage would have commercial impact upon the take-away store;

2 With, or without, that signage the primary restriction on sight distance on exiting No 46 is the dip in Mileham Street immediately to the north of No 46.

3 A site inspection was carried out on this date.

Recommendation:

That no further action be taken in respect of this matter.

6 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

NSW Police Service

6.1 Advised of increasing incidence of high vehicle speeds being detected on Railway Road South, Mulgrave due to absence of street lighting and signposted speed restriction; it was felt that the horizontal alignment and relatively narrow pavement width of Railway Road South could not support a speed restriction of 100 kmph.

Recommendation

That the Roads & Traffic Authority be requested to reduce the speed restriction on Railway Road South, Mulgrave to 70 kmph.

6.2 Advised of dangerous turning movements undertaken by motorists when exiting the Yarrak Petroleum service station, Windsor Road, McGraths Hill onto either Pitt Town Road or east-bound onto Windsor Road from the western driveway.

Recommendation

That correspondence be forwarded to the operators of the Yarrak Petroleum service station requesting that the western and eastern driveways be dedicated "left turn only" and "no right turn" respectively.

The Hon K Rozzoli

6.3 Enquired as to progress regarding installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Groves Avenue and Windsor Road, McGraths Hill.

Mr C Daley advised that negotiations were currently proceeding with the Roads & Traffic Authority regarding funding of the proposed works.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Councillor P Davies

6.3 Advised of representations received on behalf of Mrs C Locke regarding disrepair of audio-tactile devices on traffic signals throughout the Richmond business district.

Mr T Shepherd advised that similar representations had been received and referred to the Roads & Traffic Authority for urgent audit and repair.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

7 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held on Friday, 21 January, 2000, convening at 10.00am.

Meeting terminated at 12.30 pm.

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Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection - 2 December 1999

PRESENT: Clr Rex Stubbs (Chair), Prue Charlton, Margaret Ginnings, Sheila Sharp, Clr Paul Rasmussen, Claire Luland, Clr Joan Woods, Clr Dianne Finch, Bill Wells, Beryl Wells, Judy Newland, Stephen Doggett, Clr Glenys Gilling, Brian Jones, Enid Colquhoun (8.00 pm)

Apologies: Greg Hansell

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Adopted on the motion of Dianne, seconded Judy, with the following amendments:
Treasurer's Report -

Cheque A/C:	$5465.55
TD1	$5,163.60
TD2	$

Accounts approved for payment:
$34.95 to Brian Jones for two copies of "Highways and Byways" by Daphne Kingston.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Internet website - working party to report in the new year.

2. Book of Kells - excursion to NGA proposed for 5 March. Margaret undertook to make arrangements.

3. Christmas Function

   Rex apologised for being unable to join the 35 (approx) in attendance. Thanks were extended to Paul for conducting the auction which raised $429.00, and congratulations to Carol Roberts who won the Best Mask competition. A good time was had by all and $605 profit was made.

4. Heritage Week/Bill Wells exhibition.
   Brian Jones undertook to organise an art tour for Heritage Week (1 - 9 April). Exhibition proposal to be discussed at a further meeting.

5. Selection sub-committee
   Enid presented a draft acquisitions policy (attached), which was ADOPTED on the motion of Stephen, seconded Paul.

6. Correspondence - Prue requested that letters by Bernice Lavender & Mollie Hulbert be forwarded for filing - Bernice's letter received and actioned.

7. Exhibition of works from the Collection. Now proposed for 19 - 29 May with the theme "From The Mountains To The Sea". Margaret undertook to draft a budget for this exhibition, with a view to sourcing funding. Margaret proposed that selected works be exhibited on the Tourism Hawkesbury website.

8. Our friend and benefactor, Mrs June Clint passed away on 23 November. Di undertook to write a letter of sympathy to Julian Clint.

9. Gallery update
Rex reported that $30,000 has been received from the NSW Ministry For The Arts for a consultant to advise on the development of the museum/gallery, and that work on the Bateman Block has been delayed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheque A/C	$1986.34
IBD1	$5344.43
IBD2	$5173.15
Donations	$136.16

RESOLVED on the motion of Carol, seconded Stephen, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted and the following approved for payment:

To Jean Purden $25 (refund), to Kathy Evans $75 (for painting sold) and to Hawkesbury Creative Arts Centre $40 (rent).

CORRESPONDENCE

Out
C Jenny Manning, requesting receipt for payment made by Greg Hansell for Quilt directory.
C Brian Jones, outlining schedule for Art Tour project.

In
C Jenny Manning (receipt for $39.95)
C Mary Aveyard, inviting sponsorship of $40 for art prize.
Action: Carol to return with cheque
C Office of Charities (application for authority to fundraise approved until 5 Oct 2001, legislation to be purchased at a cost of $15.50 incl P & H, "Best Practice Guidelines for Charitable Organisation" recommended - $30.00).
Contents received and noted.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Prue reported on the Strategy For The Arts In Western Sydney and the response to it formulated by the TeamWest arts and cultural group.

2. RESOLVED on the motion of Di, seconded Prue that an etching by Rob Sledge titled "St Matthew's Leaves" be acquired for $240.00. Bill Wells asked that it be noted that he voted against the motion.

The meeting closed at 9.15 and was followed by Christmas drinks.

Next Meeting Thursday 3 February 2000

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Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board - Friday 3rd December

PRESENT: Councillor L Allan (Chairperson), Councillor P Davies, Councillor P Rasmussen, Mr S Benfield, Mr S Doggett, Group Captain C Richards, Mr B Seldon and Mr J Fibbens (Mr Fibbens left after consideration of the first two items).

Also present: Mr G Banting and Mr C Dalli.

Apologies: Mr R Jones and Mr R Tolson

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 5th November, 1999, were confirmed subject to the following changes:-

- The result of the first count for the election of Chair should read as follows:-

Council Allan	5 Votes
Councillor Rasmussen	2 Votes
Mr Bob Seldon	3 Votes

- The following addendum to Item 6 was adopted:-

"The Board acknowledged that one of the future options for the use of the facilities at RAAF Richmond is transporting of freight. It being noted that the facility is already being utilised for the transporting of military freight."

CORRESPONDENCE

C Mr Jim Anderson MP, Member for Londonderry - Acknowledging receipt of the Board's letter requesting the fast tracking of funding for the Windsor Road upgrade and noting a copy has been forwarded to Mr Carl Scully MP, Minister for Roads and Transport.

C Professor Janice Reid - Providing an overview of the proposed new structure for the University of Western Sydney.

C Councillor Gilling - Tendering her resignation from the Board.

C Mr Bob Seldon - Confirming he does not wish to accept appointment as the Chair of the Board.

C Mr Kevin Rozzoli MP, Member for Hawkesbury - Advising of his involvement with Michael Richardson MP, Member for the Hills and Wayne Merton MP, Member for Baulkham Hills, in calling on the fast tracking of funding for the Windsor Road Upgrade.

C Mr Michael Richardson MP, Member for the Hills - Thanking the Board for its support to his campaign to have the Windsor Road Upgrade fast tracked.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Councillor Representation

It was reported that Councillor Gilling has formally tendered her resignation from the Board. The information was received by Council at the GPC on 30 November, 1999 and during discussion Councillor Davies was nominated as a replacement, however this was subject to his acceptance. Councillor Davies has since agreed to take up the nomination, which needs to be ratified at the Ordinary meeting of Council to be held on 14 December, 1999.

The information was received and Councillor Davies nomination supported.

2. Election of Chair

It was reported that Mr Bob Seldon has declined to accept his nomination for the position of Chair and, accordingly, that a fresh election is to take place at the meeting.

However, it was moved and supported that rather than conduct a fresh election, Councillor Allan be appointed as the Chair for the period to the end of September 2000.

3. Meeting with Executive Director of the Office of Western Sydney

Ms Margaret Ryan, Executive Director of the Office of Western Sydney, gave a presentation on the role of the office and some of their initiatives.

It was noted that the Office was established in 1997 and reports to Mr Kim Yeadon, MP, Minister for Western Sydney. The key roles of the Office are as follows:-

C provide advice to the Minister on issues confronting Western Sydney;

C establish a network of individuals and organisations;

C develop strategies for the Region linked to economic, environmental, social and community issues;

C work with lead Government agencies, i.e. DUAP, RTA and Department of Land and Water Conservation.

Some of the key initiatives of the office include:-

C Western Sydney Industry Awards;

C developing an information technology strategy to encourage business within the region to move with technology;

C preparation of a Western Sydney Environment Strategy;

- development of a strategy for the Arts in Western Sydney;
- encourage accountability of government agencies in terms of funding outcomes;
- establish corporate partnerships resulting in employment opportunities, particularly traineeships for the youth of the region.

Issues raised with Ms Ryan included Windsor Road, concerns about the costs to investors of dealing with the myriad of government agencies and legislation in place and the impact the moratorium on issuing of water pumping licences and approving farm dams is having on the regions agriculture and horticulture industries.

4. Upgrade of Windsor Road

Mr Chris Daley, Council's Director of Asset Services and Recreation and a member of the Working Group considering proposals for the development of an additional flood free access route to Windsor, addressed the Board on proposals for the upgrading of Windsor Road. Mr Daley concentrated on proposals for the provision of flood free access between Windsor and Vineyard and noted that three options have received consideration to date. Also, tenders have been invited for consultants to advise on the optimum flood free route and that tenders will close later this month, with the selected consultants having sixty weeks to provide recommendations and included in this period is preparation of any environmental impact statements as required and community consultation. It is expected that the final route will be decided upon in March 2001 and it is pointed out that $52m has been allocated to the project at this stage.

A document was tabled by the Chamber of Commerce representative outlining the strategy of the Chamber's Windsor Road Task Force and it was subsequently resolved that the information be received and noted and that the Chair of the Task Force, Mr Bart Bassett be invited to the Board's February meeting to outline the strategy.

5. Access to Water

A report on latest developments with the State Government's Water Reform agenda was provided and, in particular, addressed the current issue of converting all water use licences from existing area based licences to volumetric licences.

It was subsequently resolved that the information be received and noted and that representatives from the Department of Land and Water Conservation be invited to the March meeting of the Board to discuss latest developments with the reforms and that prior to that meeting, the Water Access Task Force prepare material for the meeting and the State Opposition's Shadow Minister for Western Sydney, Mr Charlie Lyn, on the impact of the reforms.

6. Community Involvement in the Board

The report outlining the outcomes of the Forum held on the 17th November, was received and noted and it was resolved to conduct Forums on a six monthly basis and, in particular, a Forum should be held prior to the Board considering its priorities each year.

Subsequently, and in view of the fact that the 2000/2001 budget is prepared early in the new year, the next Forum has been scheduled for Wednesday 16th February, 2000 and commencing at 6pm. At this stage, the Forum will be conducted in the Committee Room of the Council Offices and it was acknowledged that the event will require significant promotion to ensure participation and feed back is maximised.

7. Reports from Industry Sectors

The opportunity was taken for representatives of the various organisations/industry sectors to provide update reports on current initiatives and issues. Items raised include the following:-

- In view of the myriad of Government and non-Government agencies situated in Western Sydney that a report be brought forward on the agencies and if and how they are linked;
- The tourism sector has made a concerted push with Tourism NSW for regional status for the Hawkesbury;
- Heritage Week will be held from the 1st to 9th April, 2000 and organisations such as the Hawkesbury Historical Society and Local History Section of the Library are planning linked events for the week.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of parking within the Windsor Commercial Centre and, in particular, its impact on visitation to the area and retail trading.
- It was acknowledged that there was a need for co-ordination in the area of special events to maximise the economic benefits for the community. One major event discussed was the running of the Hawkesbury Cup and Hawkesbury Race Club and, in this regard, it was resolved to invite the Secretary of the Club, Mr Brian Fletcher, to the next meeting of the Board.
- It was reported that Circo has been awarded the contract for Garrison Support at the Richmond, Glenbrook and Orchard Hills RAAF bases. The contract covers catering, security access, maintenance and waste disposal and it was noted that the Department of Defence will be encouraging Circo to minimise the impacts on the local economy by providing employment opportunities for the community and to source, where possible, from local suppliers.

7. Facilitation of Development in the area

The report on the Draft Policy for encouraging new business investment and growth of existing businesses within the Hawkesbury Valley, was deferred to the next meeting.

8. Promotion of the Board

It was suggested that the Board needs to increase its profile and, in particular, it was suggested that investigations be carried out into the possibility of having a regular column within the Hawkesbury

Gazette and/or Courier.

It being noted that Council has recently appointed a new Web Administrator and discussions have been initiated for development of a Web Page for the Board. Also, at present, material is provided for the Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce Newsletter and the Hawkesbury Business Profile is currently being updated.

9. Next Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10.45am and the next meeting is scheduled for 4th February, 2000.

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