



Hawkesbury City Council

general purpose committee minutes

date of meeting: 25 January 2000

location: Council Chambers

time: 8.00am

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Business

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AGENDA

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 25 January 2000, 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, C A Paine, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Apology for absence was received from Councillor P Davies who had been granted leave of absence.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Allan and seconded by Councillor Sheather that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 30 November, 1999, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

Councillor Allan left the meeting at 10.00am.

Councillor Allan returned to the meeting at 10.50am.

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 11.20am.

Councillor Finch left the meeting at 1.50pm.

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

50: Mobile Phone Telecommunications Facility - 121 Fairey Road, South Windsor (M 1400/99/EVD/ENA25NAX.V08)

That:

1. The information be received.
2. This matter be deferred until Council has revised the present Development Control Plan for telecommunications facilities.
3. The applicant be advised of the Council's intending DCP provisions and be requested to review the current proposal on this revision and the existence of the number of sites in the South Windsor locality.

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51: Two-Storey Duplex - Cnr Lot 1 DP662568 No. 32 Cox Street, South Windsor (M 1766/99/EVD/ENA25NAX.V09)

Mr Glen Falson, representing the applicant, addressed the Committee.

Mr Jason Vowels and Mrs Leanne Vowels, objectors, addressed the Committee.

That:

- A.** A Deferred Commencement Approval be granted for a two-storey duplex at 32 Cox Street, Windsor, Cnr Lot 1, DP662568, 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. Design details and reduced levels of the proposed development site to determine the sewer service is available to the entire development are to be submitted and approved by Council.

Schedule 2

General

1. To confirm and clarify the terms of this approval, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved stamped plans (prepared by RE & PA Collis Design numbered 56299 (4 sheets) dated 5/11/99) submitted with Development Application No. M 1766/99 dated 8 November, 1999 and any supportive documentation, except as otherwise provided by the conditions of this consent.

Note: modifications to the approved plans will require the lodgement and consideration by this organisation of a separate application pursuant to Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

2. This consent covers the removal of trees and other vegetation from the site of approved buildings, structures, permanent accessways and car parks. This consent also covers the removal or lopping of trees within 6m (six) of approved buildings. No other trees or vegetation shall be removed or lopped except with prior written approval of the this office.

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3. Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979, and the Building Code of Australia.
4. Prior to construction of the approved development it is necessary to obtain a Construction Certificate.
5. The applicant is advised to consult with:
 - (a) Sydney Water Corporation Limited
 - (b) Integral Energy
 - (c) Natural Gas Company
 - (d) a local telecommunications carrier

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).

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

Prior to Issue of Construction Certificate

7. A monetary contribution is to be paid to Council, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, towards the provision of the following public facilities in the locality:
 - (a) Open Space and Recreation (\$1,023)
 - (b) Community Facilities (\$1,115)

The above contributions have been determined in accordance with Hawkesbury Section 94 Contribution Plan. A copy of the Contributions Plan may be inspected at Council's Offices, George Street, Windsor.

Contributions are to be paid prior to issue of the construction certificate.

The amount of contribution payable under this condition has been calculated on the basis of costs as at the date of consent. In accordance with the provisions of the Contributions Plan, this amount shall be INDEXED at the time of actual payment in accordance with movement in the Consumer Price Index as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. In this respect the attached fee schedule is valid for 3 (three) months.

8. The submission of a Certificate from Telstra Australia that satisfactory arrangements have

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been made for the provision of cables for telephones to the development.

9. 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 Section 73 Certificate issued by the Sydney Water Corporation Limited or other evidence of Sydney Water's non-objection to the commencement of work on the basis of service availability.
 - (b) 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.
10. A schedule of external finishes are to be submitted to Council for assessment.
11. Separate details of the proposed roofwater and surface water drainage system shall be lodged in duplicate for approval. Such details shall be approved prior to issue of construction certificate.
12. A detailed diagram shall be submitted indicating existing ground levels, proposed cut and fill levels and proposed floor level (levels to datum or AHD).
13. Payment of a sewer headworks contribution to Council of \$4,820 (four thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars). This contribution shall remain fixed for a period of 3 (three) months after which time it will be recalculated at the rate applicable at the time of payment.
14. Design and construction of site drainage shall be carried out in accordance with Council's Guidelines for Stormwater Drainage Requirements for Commercial, Industrial and Medium Density Developments. Full details of works shall be submitted for approval with the building application.

Prior to Commencing Works

15. Building work that involves residential building work (within the meaning of the *Home Building Act 1989*) must not be commenced unless the principal certifying authority for the development to which the work relates:
 - (a) in the case of work to be done by a licensee under that Act:
 - (i) has been informed in writing of the licensee's name and contractor licence number, and
 - (ii) is satisfied that the licensee has complied with the requirements of Part 6 of

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that Act, or

- (b) in the case of work to be done by any other person:
 - (i) has been informed in writing of the person's name and owner-builder permit number, or
 - (ii) has been given a declaration, signed by the owner of the land, that states that the reasonable market cost of the labour and materials involved in the work is less than the amount prescribed for the purposes of the definition of owner-builder work in Section 29 of that Act

and is given appropriate information and declarations under paragraphs (a) and (b) whenever arrangements for the doing of the work are changed in such a manner as to render out of date any information or declaration previously given under either of those paragraphs.

Note: A certificate purporting to be issued by an approved insurer under Part 6 of the *Home Building Act 1989* that states that a person is the holder of an insurance policy issued for the purposes of that Part is, for the purposes of this condition sufficient evidence that the person has complied with the requirements of that Part.

- 16. Toilet facilities are to be provided, at or in the vicinity of the work site on which work involved in the erection or demolition of a building is being carried out, at the rate of 1 toilet for every 20 persons or part of 20 persons employed at the site.

Each toilet provided:

- (a) must be a standard flushing toilet; and
- (b) must be connected:
 - (i) to a public sewer, or
 - (ii) if connection to a public sewer is not practicable, to an accredited sewage management facility approved by the Council, or
 - (iii) if connection to a public sewer or an accredited sewage management facility is not practicable, to some other sewage management facility approved by the Council.

The provision of toilet facilities in accordance with this condition must be completed before any other work is commenced.

- 17. A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any work site on which the erection or demolition of a building is being carried out:

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- (a) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited; and
- (b) showing the name of the person in charge of the work site and a telephone number at which that person may be contacted outside working hours.

This condition does not apply to:

- (a) building work carried out inside an existing building; or
 - (b) building work carried out on premises that are to be occupied continuously (both during and outside working hours) while the work is being carried out.
18. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained to ensure that there is no increase in downstream levels of litter, vegetation debris or other water borne pollutants in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan 1/94 - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation
19. 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.
20. 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.

During Construction

21. All building work must be carried out in accordance with provisions of the Building Code of Australia.
22. Inspections shall be carried out and compliance certificates issued by Council or an appropriately accredited person for the following components of construction:
- (a) erosion controls, site works and site set out;
 - (b) piers;
 - (c) steel reinforcement;
 - (d) framework, after the installation of all plumbing, drainage and electrical fixtures, and after the external cladding and roof covering has been fixed prior to fixing of internal linings and insulation;
 - (e) wet area flashing, after the installation any bath and shower fixtures;
 - (f) internal drainage lines prior to covering;

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- (g) external drainage lines, prior to backfilling; and
- (h) on completion of the structure.

- 23. All demolition, 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.
- 24. No burning of demolition or construction material being carried out on the site.
- 25. The developer is responsible for full costs associated with any alteration, relocation or enlargement to public utilities whether caused directly or indirectly by this proposed subdivision. Such utilities include water, sewerage, drainage, power, communication, footways, kerb and gutter.
- 26. The development is to be constructed in accordance with the noise report prepared by Murphy Pastoral and Technical Company Pty Ltd dated 4th December 1999.
- 27. The bathroom and ensuite windows located on the second storey are to be frosted glass.
- 28. The building shall be set out by a Registered Surveyor and the Survey Certificate of the building shall be lodged with the Principal Certifying Authority upon completion of the footings and prior to the external wall construction proceeding above floor level.
- 29. Construction of Council's standard residential footway and layback vehicular crossing to suit the access to the site.
- 30. Removal of the existing redundant layback crossing and replacement with concrete kerb and gutter and the restoration of the footway area.

Prior to Issue of Occupation Certificate

- 31. An occupation certificate is to be obtained on completion of all works and prior to commencement of the approved use. The occupation certificate will not be issued if any conditions of this consent are outstanding.
- 32. 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 a occupational certificate will not be granted on the application until the landscaping is complete.
- 33. In order to enhance the amenity of the development, new boundary fences shall be provided at the applicant's expense. Such fencing behind the building line shall be to a height of 1.8m and at least lapped and capped. (D264).

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34. In order to enhance the amenity of the area, all fencing fronting the street shall be a feature fence incorporating masonry piers with decorative infill panels.

The Use of the Site

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

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 11.20am.

52: Alligator Weed (GE020/013 Pt 03/GMA/ENA25NAX.G13)

That the information be received.

53: Stormwater Management Plans - Funding for Implementation (GD001/004 Pt 03/GMA/ENA25NAX.G01)

That:

1. Council advise the Environmental Protection Authority, the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust and WSROC of the need to have an agreed period for the implementation of Urban Stormwater Management Plans in catchments to maximise water quality improvements from the efficient application of resources.
2. Council seeks support from the relevant bodies to approach the Government for funding for the implementation of the Stormwater Management Plans.

54: Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust (GR060/067 PT02/GMA/ENA25NAX.G02)

That Council supports the continuing participation of Councillor Sheather in the Interim Total Catchment Management Sub-Committees.

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55: Policy for the Erection of Rural Sheds (M609/98/EVD/ENA25NBX.V18)

That:

1. A draft development control plan be prepared in accordance with the design principles contained within this report and be exhibited in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act.
2. Following exhibition, the draft Development Control Plan be reported to Council for consideration of any submissions received and adoption.
3. Council seek advice from the Cut Flower Growers Association, Free Growers Horticultural Association and the NSW Farmers Association.

56: Information Report - Rodeo at Tourmaline Hotel/Motel, 711-725 Windsor Road, Vineyard (M1286/99/EVD/ENA25NBX.V19)

That the information be received.

57: Rural Industries (LEP008/98, LEP006/98/EVD/ENA25NBX.V20)

Mr Rob Toslon, Ms Judy Conners, Mr Don Shaddick (solicitor), Mr Chris Gough (solicitor) and Mr George Smith (town planner), objectors, addressed

Mr Neville Diamond addressed the Committee.

That:

1. The proposed distribution of rural industries within Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 (Amendment 108) which seeks to implement the Hawkesbury Sustainable Agricultural Development Strategy be retained.
2. The Deferred item from Draft Amendment 6/98 (Amendment 110) where it relates to rural industries in its land use Matrix be amended to be consistent with LEP8/98.
3. The two Draft Local Environmental Plans be exhibited simultaneously and appropriate material be advertised to draw the public's attention to the issues of rural industries that affects the Hawkesbury Valley.

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- 58: Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust - Advocacy Position on Extractive Industries (GT170/004Pt03//ENA25NBX.V05)**

That the information be received and the matter be further reported to the Ordinary meeting.

Councillor Allan left the meeting at 10.00am.

- 59: Wilberforce Abattoir - Lot 1 DP 741444 No. 47 King Road, Wilberforce (P1102/560Pt08//ENA25NBX.V04)**

Mr Neville Diamond, objector, addressed the Committee.

That the information be received.

Councillor Allan returned to the meeting at 10.50am.

- 60: Lot 25 DP742749 Corner North and Palmer Streets, Windsor (P1409/10/EVD/ENA25NBX.V07)**

Councillor Sheather declared an interest as he had a financial interest with the applicant during the recent election.

Mr Phipps, land owner, addressed the Committee.

That the information be received.

- 61: Proposed Amendments to Telecommunications Facilities Development Control Plan (GT001/007 PT01/EVD/ENA25NBX.V10)**

Mr Mares, objector, addressed the Committee.

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1. The proposed locational criteria amendment to the Telecommunications Facilities DCP be publicly exhibited in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 1994 for a period of not less than 28 days.
2. Following the exhibition period the matter be reported to Council.
3. Following the gazettal of HLEP 1989 - Amendment No. 110 the matter be further reported to Council for the purposes of repealing the Telecommunications Facilities DCP and adopting a modified version of the DCP as policy guidelines.
4. Inclusion of amended locational criteria table as follows:

Zone	Locational Criteria
Any land zoned Rural, Residential, Special Uses, Open Space, Environmental Protection, Nature Reserve, Proposed Road under HLEP 1989 and land immediately adjacent to these zones	A minimum of 300 metres from any school, child care centre or hospital.
Any land zoned Rural, Residential, Special Uses, Open Space, Environmental Protection, Nature Reserve, Proposed Road under HLEP 1989 and land immediately adjacent to these zones	A minimum of 300 metres from any residential dwelling unless annual average exposure at any such premises is less than 0.2 uw/cm ² .
All zones, including the above.	To minimise visual impact no tower may be constructed closer than 100 metres or three times the height of the tower, whichever is the greater, to any residential dwelling. This condition does not apply in cases of co-location or location on existing built structures.

62: The Care and Management of Dogs and Cats in NSW Pounds
(GE020/002/EVD/ENA25NBX.V17)

That the information be received.

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63: Rural Production and Water Sharing Package (Farm Dams and Volumetric Conversion Policy) (DCP001/96//ENA25NBX.V15)

That the information be received.

64: Charges for Micro Chipping of Cats and Dogs at Hawkesbury City Dog Pound (GE020/002/EVD/ENA25NBX.V03)

That:

1. Council ensure all dog controllers are trained as authorised identifiers of companion animals.
2. A fee of \$25 (twenty five dollars) be adopted for the insertion of micro chips into animals by Council's Dog Controllers.
3. The procedures for setting a fee of Council, including public exhibition, be followed and implemented.
4. Should no submissions be received at the end of the public exhibition period, the fee will be included in the list of Council fees and charges under the Management Plan.

65: Outcome of Appeal against refusal to grant consent to extension of trading hours for North Richmond Hotel (M170/98/EVD/ENA25NBX.V14)

That the information be received.

Supplementary Reports

66: Regional Advisory Committee (GL040/009/GMA/ENA25LAX.G21)

The Committee exercising its delegation of Whole Council

306 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine seconded by Councillor Allan

That Council nominate a Councillor for the Blue Mountains - Wollommi National Parks and Wildlife Service Regional Advisory Committee and exercise its power in forwarding the nomination from

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this meeting.

307 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine seconded by Councillor Finch

Councillors Gilling and Williams were nominated as representatives to this Committee.

Councillor Gilling was elected as Council's representative for this Committee.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

23: Hawkesbury Park - Proposed Memorial Tree Planting (PK/284 PT 1/GMA/INA25NAX.G02)

Rotary Club of Kurrajong be advised that Council agrees in principle with their proposal to establish a memorial growth of trees in the southern end of Hawkesbury Park at their cost with the details of the project being finalised with the Council staff.

24: Richmond Park Enhancement (PK/202/ENG/INA25NBX.E06)

That:

1. The landscape design for the north western corner of Richmond Park be adopted and the on-going park improvements previously adopted be implemented as funding becomes available.
2. Council write to the Richmond School of Arts asking them for input into the carpark area and the planting of trees in consultation with the consultant.

25: McMahon Park (PK/007/ENG/INA25NBX.E04)

That:

1. The short term projects for which Council is responsible be considered in current parks maintenance, building services and carparks/road maintenance budgets.
2. Support be given to the committee and user groups in endeavours to achieve the other short term projects.

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3. The longer term projects be further reported.

26: Proposed Sand Extraction Operations for Flood Mitigation Works Hawkesbury River, Macquarie Park, Windsor (PK/006 Pt4/ENG/INA25NBX.E03)

That the proposal to extract sand from the Hawkesbury River for flood mitigation purposes adjacent to Macquarie Park Windsor not proceed at this time.

27: Capital Assistance Grants (GG021/172/ENG/INA25NBX.E05)

That the 1999/2000 Capital Assistance Grants be accepted.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

46: Monthly Financial Report - November 1999 (GF011/005/FNC/OGA25NAX.F03)

That the information be received

47: Monthly Financial Report - December 1999 (GF011/005/FNC/OGA25NAX.F04)

That the information be received with the inclusion of the following amended table in Section C - Investments - December 1999:

Investment Type	Balance 30-Nov-1999	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Paid	Balance 31-Dec-1999
Managed Funds	\$22,665,099.08			\$99,587.02	\$22,764,686.10
On Call Funds	\$5,325,000.00	\$725,000.00	\$-950,000.00		\$5,100,000.00
Term Investments	\$1,950,000.00				\$1,950,000.00
TOTAL	\$29,940,099.08	\$725,000.00	\$-950,000.00	\$99,587.02	\$29,814,686.10

48: Leasing of Lot 161 Greenway Crescent, Windsor (GC283/086 PT2/CSV/OGA25NBX.C01)

That Lot 161 Greenway Crescent, Windsor be leased to Mr Paul and Mrs Dianne Sheehy on the basis

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of the principle terms and conditions as outlined in this report.

49: Hawkesbury Power Boat Club (GF008/001 PT21/CSV/OGA25NBX.C05)

That Council donate \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) to the Hawkesbury Power Boat Club towards the cost of staging the NSW Titles on the Hawkesbury River.

50: Grose Vale Scouts (GC283/099 PT2/CSV/OGA25NBX.C02)

That the matter be deferred until the next General Purpose Committee meeting.

51: Council River Front Property Audit (GC283/065 PT02/CSV/OGA25NBX.C07)

That the information be received.

Clr Finch left the meeting at 1.50pm.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Gilling referred to an article in the Sunday Telegraph relating to inspection of sandwich shops. She enquired if Council inspectors deal with these issues.

The Mayor advised that this article had been read and that Council inspectors carried out these inspections.

2. Councillor Gilling advised that she has received enquiries in relation to Francis Street Richmond. She enquired what the status of the development of this road was.

The General Manager advised that this was a requirement of the development consent. He advised that this would be investigated and she would be advised.

3. Councillor Gilling advised that she has not received answers in relation to her questions from 26 October relating to Turnbolls Mid Track, the condition of Wharf Street in St Albans, the

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trucks and rubbish dumped on the property at Wharf Street, and the property off Webbs Creek and Chaseling Road. She enquired if anything had been done about these matters.

The General Manager advised that staff had discussed these issues. He advised that it is necessary for staff to advise Councillors on what Council can take action on and that the Director of Environment and Development was preparing a paper on this matter.

4. Councillor Gilling advised that the road verges on Greens Road from the Bridge to Nowhere to the unsealed road, and on the West Portland Road on the old wooden bridge, were overgrown which was causing poor visibility. She requested that this be dealt with.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

5. Councillor Gilling enquired what was happening with Teale Place.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that this matter would be reported to the next Local Traffic Committee meeting.

6. Councillor Gilling enquired why the business papers provided for the public gallery did not include the minutes from the previous meeting.

The General Manager advised that the minutes were not printed for the public gallery as they were not confirmed until the current meeting. He further advised that these minutes were to be made available to the public via the Council Web Site once confirmed.

7. Councillor Gilling enquired when the business paper would be available on Council's Web Site.

The General Manager advised that the business paper was currently available on the Web Site. He advised that the business papers was available on Council's Web site on the Friday evening prior to meetings.

8. Councillor Gilling advised that Packer Road needed to be done again.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that it was to be done next week.

9. Councillor Conolly referred to a conversation he had with staff in relation to footpath and guttering work that Freemans Reach Public School had requested. He had been advised that at that time it had not been allowed for within this year's budget and that it would be dependent upon money being left in the budget once works were completed. He enquired if this work was likely to occur.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that it would have to be looked at as part of next year's construction program.

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The General Manager advised that private schools were required to provide the road shoulder and kerb and guttering as part of their development. He advised that the State refuses to do this as they consider they are providing a community facility and therefore see the Council and its rate payers should pay for all of the ancillary works. He advised that this was a matter which needed be reported to Council as once a decision is made for one school there were other schools which would need to be addressed.

Councillor Conolly advised that he would interested to know which other schools require this kind of work to be done.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

10. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council had received an update on the RAAF Base Economic Assessment.

The General Manager advised that a meeting had been held prior to Christmas with three representatives from the Department of Defence. He advised that they were to write to Council as a result of this meeting in relation to Council's request to be involved in the assessment process.

The Mayor advised that this letter had not been received as yet but that they have been reminded that it is required.

11. Councillor Rasmussen requested an update on the status of the tenders for the Old Hospital Site.

The General Manager advised that this matter will be reported to the next Ordinary meeting. He advised that tenders had been re-called, that there would be an increase in price and a tenderer will be recommended. He advised that it will not be the company that was previously involved.

12. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if community groups had been advised of the process to be followed when making submissions to gain community funding.

The General Manager advised that they had not been notified of what the process would be this year, as it is yet to be determined. He suggested that this was an issue which should be discussed at the Corporate Planning Weekend.

13. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if a meeting had been held in relation to Windsor Mall.

The Mayor advised that a meeting will be held in the next two weeks.

14. Councillor Sheather enquired if it were possible to move the catwalk behind the engine house on the Lower Portland Ferry to allow additional cars to be transported.

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The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that it may be possible to move this to allow one additional car. He advised that this had been moved as a Workcover requirement and that other possibilities were being investigated.

15. Councillor Sheather advised that the girl operating the ferry was walking amongst the cars to collect fees when she should be in the wheelhouse. He advised that her back was down river and she may not be able to see vessels approaching. He enquired if this needed to be investigated as a Workcover issue.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

16. Councillor Sheather referred to an accident in Pecks Road on Saturday night. He advised that cars were parking on the corner on the road causing traffic to drive on the wrong side of the road. He requested that these people either be approached in relation to not parking there or investigate the possibility of putting no parking signs in this area.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

17. Councillor Williams advised that he had written to Council in relation to Nick Samporas of Long Neck Lagoon who is a certified organic farmer. Mr Samporas is concerned about the possibility of the spraying of weed on Long Neck Lagoon. Mr Samporas had advised that if Long Neck Lagoon floods after it has been sprayed the flood water will cause chemical contamination which would cause him to lose his certification. Councillor Williams requested that this be investigated and discussions held before any spraying is undertaken.

The General Manager advised that he has been unable to contact anyone at the Long Neck Lagoon Trust. He advised that once he had any information he would be advised.

18. Councillor Williams referred to correspondence he sent to Council on 1/11/99 and 11/1/2000 regarding water flowing onto 728 Sackville Road from a neighbouring farm. He enquired if any action had been taken in relation to this.

The General Manager advised that this would be investigated.

19. Councillor Williams advised that he has received two letters relating to trees being poisoned at Kurrajong Heights. He enquired if Council could review its policy on enforcing breaches of the Tree Preservation Act.

The General Manager advised that it was not Council's policy that was the problem. He advised that in such cases of breach of the Tree Preservation Act it was difficult to prove as it required either a statement of omission from the responsible person or a witness. In either case failure to provide proof would result in the Court not accepting the evidence. The General Manager further advised that breaches of the Tree Preservation Act were not a major problem within the

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area.

20. Councillor Paine advised that at the last meeting Councillor Sheather had raised an question in relation to the mess in Baker Street. She advised that another skip had been placed there and pallets and cardboard had also been stacked there. She requested that the developers be required to clean up and maintain the area whilst work is being undertaken.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

21. Councillor Paine referred to a subdivision application for the area above Redbank Creek at North Richmond. She enquired if this matter would be reported to Council.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that he was unaware of the application but that it would come to Council once received.

22. Councillor Paine enquired if an approach had been made by either the Council or the Waste Board to have the Waste Board address the new Council.

The General Manager advised that the Waste Board had not been approached.

Councillor Paine requested that the Waste Board be invited to address the new Council.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

23. Councillor Paine advised that she would like to table some information at the next General Purpose Committee meeting in relation to Unique Horsesports and what they are doing in the Hawkesbury.

The Mayor advised that it was not within the Code of Meeting Practice to do this however she may request a report which would her allow her to address this issue.

The meeting terminated at 2.50pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 28 February, 2000.

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Mayor

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General Manager

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