



Hawkesbury City Council

general purpose committee minutes

date of meeting: 25 July 2000

location: Council Chambers

time: 9.15am

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Business

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AGENDA

- **APOLOGIES.**
- **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**
- **MAYORAL 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 July, 2000, commencing at 9.15am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillors L Allan, B J Calvert, K F Conolly, P F Davies, 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 C A Paine

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

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Allan that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on the 27 June, 2000, be confirmed.

Councillor Paine arrived at the meeting at 10.10am.

Councillor Paine left the meeting at 11.35am.

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 12 noon.

Councillor Paine returned to the meeting at 1.45pm.

Councillor Finch left the meeting at 1.45pm.

Councillor Finch returned to the meeting at 2.05pm.

Councillor Paine left the meeting at 3.20pm.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

MAYORAL MINUTES

Pitt Town Public School

663 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Councillor Stubbs seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That students from Pitt Town Public School be welcomed to the General Purpose Committee meeting.

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SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

- 134: Four (4) Lot Subdivision No. 111 Bells Line of Road and Redbank Road, North Richmond, Lot 2 DP870269, Lot 2 DP5464149 - Modification of Development Consent under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (M 1940/99/EVD/ENG25NAX.V04)**

That the modification under Section 96 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 be refused due to the following:

1. The modification is inconsistent with Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 20 Hawkesbury - Nepean River No. 2 (1997).

- 135: Healthy Rivers Commission (GR060/081 Pt.2/GMA/ENG25NAX.G02)**

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Commissioner Peter Crawford from the Healthy Rivers Commission be invited to address Council,

- 136: Unauthorised Filling of Land - Lots 188-191, Lot 90 DP 786549, Springwood Road, Yarramundi (P825/105, P825/155, P825/165 and P825/175//ENG25NBX.V08)**

Councillor Rasmussen declared an interest as he is the owner of the adjoining property.

That the information be received.

- 137: Western Sydney Waste Board (GW010/022PT13/EVD/ENG25NBX.V03)**

Mayor Ian Strongberg of Bankstown City Council, Deput Chair of Western Sydney Waste Board, Jane Pretty, Anion Thomas, Tracey Chalk and Eric Illy, representing the Waste Board, addressed the Committee.

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1. The information be received.
2. Council seek a further report outlining the possible funding available for Hawkesbury City Council to join the RID Squad.

138: “The Grove” - Lot 32 DP 753828 No 718 Webbs Creek Road, Wisemans Ferry - Appeal Results (M439/98//ENG25NBX.V06)

Mr Neville Diamond, representing the applicant, addressed the Committee.

That the information be received.

139: Proposed Policy for Heritage Listed Buildings (GH020/003//ENG25NBX.V07)

That the advice of the Heritage Committee be adopted.

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140: Transfer of Septage Effluent (P209/535/GMA/ENG25LAX.G09)

Mr Neale Philip, representing the EPA, answered questions of the Committee.

That the information be received.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

53: McMahon Park Report (PK/007/ENG/ING25NBX.E06)

Councillor Allan advised that she is a member of Colo Soccer.

Ms Rose Irvine, Secretary of McMahon Park Committee, Mr Colin Tindale, Mr Rohan Boehm and Mr Craig Wallace representing Kurrajong Little Athletics, speaking in favour of the proposal, addressed the Committee.

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1. Council support, in principle, the proposal to extend McMahon Park and that the matter be further reported within three (3) months.
2. Information be provided on the acquisition of a block of land that would enhance the long term viability of McMahon Park.

54: Acquisition of land - proposed link construction Colonial Drive to Berger Road
(GT230/011 Pt4 & GC281/076/ENG/ING25NBX.E01)

Mr Trevor Devine, resident, addressed the Committee.

That:

1. Further action in relation to the purchase of properties to enable the road link between Colonial Drive and Berger Road be deferred until such time as the rezoning of land in the North Bligh Park area proceeds.
2. Council investigate the purchase of land necessary to connect the ends of Woods Road.
3. A site inspection be carried out.

A site inspection was carried out at 2.30pm on Saturday 5 August, 2000. Councillors present at the inspection were the Mayor, Councillor RP Stubbs and Councillors L Allan, BJ Calvert, D Finch, GJ Gilling, PR Rasmussen, LC Sheather and CJ Woods.

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55: Powell Park Bush Regeneration Project (PK/052/ENG/ING25NBX.E04)

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That the area of Powell Park that is currently mown be retained in its mown state and a path be provided to Bellbird Avenue.

56: Road Sealing Program (GR120/002 Pt3/ENG/ING25NBX.E03)

This item was dealt with in conjunction with Item 59 of the Infrastructure section of the Supplementary business paper.

Mr Peter Hughes, resident and member of the Macdonald Valley Road Survey Committee, Mr John Saxby representing the Macdonald Valley Association, Mr Ian Robinson, Mr Ken Pullen, Mrs Marie Noble, residents, addressed the Committee.

That:

1. The current funding of \$236,000 (two hundred and thirty six thousand dollars) be allocated towards sealing of either a portion of St Albans Road or Settlers Road in the current budget.
2. Council undertake a full costing for the part of sealing of St Albans Road or Settlers Road to determine which road is to be sealed.
3. Council continue to lobby the government to obtain further funding for the sealing of dirt roads
4. Full traffic data be obtained throughout the year to enable further assessment of priorities in relation to sealing of unsealed roads in future Capital Works Programs. Further, a new set of criteria be examined and a long term policy be set to enable Council to prioritise the sealing of roads in the City.

57: Adopt a Road Program (GW010/013 PT03/ENG/ING25NBX.E02)

That expressions of interest be called for groups wishing to be included in the Adopt a Road Program.

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58: NSW Lantana Biological Control Taskforce (GE020/013/ENG/ING25NBX.E05)

That Council approve the commitment of \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) for the current year to the NSW Lantana Biological Control Taskforce to assist in the control of Lantana and consideration be given to providing similar on-going funding for the next two years.

Supplementary Reports

59: Road Sealing Program (GR120/002 Pt3/ENG/ING25LBX.E07)

This item was dealt with in conjunction with Item 56 of the Infrastructure section of the business paper.

60: Spring Valley Heritage Horse Ride - Unique Australian Horsesports - Gr030/034 Pt2 (GR030/034 Pt2/ENG/ING25LBX.E08)

The Committee exercising its delegation as Council

664 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by Councillor Davies

That:

1. Approval be granted to the street parade to be held on 11 August 2000 subject to:
 - a) approval being obtained from the NSW Police Service;
 - b) submission of a satisfactory Traffic Management Plan;
 - c) the applicant submitting a copy of its Public Liability Policy; with Council's interests noted, prior to the parade; and
 - d) compliance with any direction given by a Council Officer.
2. Approval be granted for the street parade to be held on 16 August 2000 subject to:
 - a) approval being obtained from the NSW Police Service;
 - b) submission of a satisfactory Traffic Management Plan;

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- c) the applicant obtaining approval from the Roads & Traffic Authority regarding use of Richmond Road;
- d) the applicant obtaining approval from the Hawkesbury Sports Council regarding use of Deerubben Park as a marshalling area;
- e) all reserves being left clean and tidy upon completion of the event and the applicant indemnifying Council for the costs of repair of any damage caused to reserves;
- f) the applicant submitting a copy of its Public Liability Policy, with Council's interests noted, prior to the parade; and
- g) compliance with any direction given by a Council Officer.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

85: Monthly Financial Report - June 2000 (GF011/005/FNC/OGG25NAX.F07)

That the information be received.

86: Richmond Golf Club (P258/355 Pt.2/GMA/OGG25NAX.G01)

That the Council support the Club in obtaining an extended lease of the course.

87: Sullage Rate (GS047/003/GMA/OGG25NAX.G04)

Mr Carl Bazely, President of SAFE Inc. Committee, addressed the Committee.

That the SAFE Inc Committee be advised that the Council fully supports a State Government subsidy towards the payment of sullage pump-out due to its cost and the social and environmental disadvantages of its existence.

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88: Proposed Acquisition for Road Purposes - Part Lot 9 in DP 544842, Day Street, Windsor (GC281/078/CSV/OGG25NBX.C02)

That Council acquire part of Lot 9 in Deposited Plan 544842 from Mrs Dean for the sum of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) plus pay reasonable legal and survey fees (exclusive of GST) and the Seal of Council be affixed to necessary documentation.

89: Request for Financial Advice and Assistance - North Richmond Child Care Centre (GC050/009//OGG25NBX.C06)

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Council agree to provide an assurance to the Management Committee of the North Richmond Child Care Centre that it will underwrite the payment of employee leave entitlements should the Centre cease to operate over the next quarter.
3. Council sponsor a Children's Service Forum to canvass options for responding to the challenges of ensuring the ongoing provision of effective community based child care services within the Hawkesbury.

90: Payment to External Bodies - GST Implications (GF016/010/FNC/OGG25NBX.F09)

That tax invoices be received from recipient organisations where GST applies and that allocations be "grossed up" to accommodate the New Tax System.

91: Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests Conflicts (GL040/001/GMA/OGG25NCX.G03)

That the information be received.

92: HACC Co-Location Centre - Proposed Name (GT020/366 PT02 GC305/104 PT02/CSV/OGG25NCX.C05)

That the information be received.

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93: Web site development and interactive facilities (GC230/044/CSV/OGG25NCX.C10)

Mr Carl Bazely, resident, addressed the Committee.

That the information be received.

Supplementary Reports

94: Rural Fire Service - Historic Vehicles (GF010/007 Pt.02/GMA/OGG25LAX.G11)

That Council adopt the agreement for rural fire brigades retaining historic vehicles as agreed to by the Fire Control Officer.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Williams advised that he has received an enquiry from "The Greens" office referring to a report relating to the dumping of 15,000 litres of abattoir waste (duck) and metal hydroxide sludge in the South Creek Catchment near Windsor in January/February 1999. He advised that this had been reported to the EPA and Council and enquired if any prosecution had taken place.

The Mayor advised that he had received a copy of the correspondence and that he has requested information regarding this. He advised that he would provide Councillor Williams with a copy of the information once available.

2. Councillor Williams tabled correspondence from Mr Eric Brocken enquiring if Council had Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) accreditation. He referred to a possible rebate of \$500 to residents who installed solar hot water systems and enquired if this was correct.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that the Authority had provided advice pamphlets and that Council's new General DCP, which is being prepared, incorporates the Energy Efficient Guidelines from SEDA. He advised that this would be reported to Council and that if these guidelines were adopted the Grant would be available to applicants who installed solar hot water systems.

3. Councillor Sheather referred to a recent Question Without Notice requesting that "Fat Albert" be cleaned up prior to the Olympics. He enquired if this work had been undertaken.

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The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that this work will be undertaken.

4. Councillor Sheather advised that the road into Del Rio needed maintenance work and that the bridge access side needed to be cleared. He requested that this work be undertaken.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

5. Councillor Sheather referred to previously tabled correspondence from Westbus which listed roads which required the clearing of vegetation from road verges. He requested that this be followed up.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

6. Councillor Sheather referred to traffic problems at the roundabout in Windsor. He advised that when The Terrace was closed off a removable bollard was put in place. He requested that in future when traffic emergencies occur that this bollard be removed to allow traffic to flow. He further requested that the Police and RTA be made aware that this bollard is removable.

The General Manager advised that Council were unable to open this bollard unless requested by the Police as they were responsible for traffic control.

The Mayor advised that opening of this bollard was at the discretion of the Police during emergencies.

7. Councillor Sheather referred to a discussion with the Director of Environment & Development relating to the extension of garbage services off Tizzana Road on Portland Head Road. He enquired if there was any further information in relation to this and advised that there was adequate turning space at the end of Portland Head Road.

The General Manager enquired when Councillor Sheather had received representation in relation to this as he felt this matter had been addressed and that he would follow it up.

8. Councillor Sheather referred to a previous application for a home activity on a property at Kurmond. He advised that sand blasting and other activities were being undertaken on this site. He enquired if documentation was available and if consent had been issued.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that a development application had been received and that this matter would be reported to Council.

9. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council were attending the water legislation meeting being held at the Department of Land and Water Conservation on 3 August, 2000.

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The Mayor advised that Council had not been advised in relation to this.

Councillor Rasmussen advised that the Director General would be addressing this meeting on water reform issues and seeking input for feedback to the Minister.

The Mayor requested that Councillor Rasmussen provide a copy of the information.

Councillor Rasmussen advised that he would provide a copy of the information and that he would be happy to represent Council at this meeting if required.

10. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council were aware of advocacy positions put out by the HNCMT. He advised that there were currently three of these documents, one which involved extractive industries.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that this matter had been reported to Council late last year when it was received from the Trust.

11. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council is responsible for notifying farmers and residents in relation to open-air burning and possible fines which may be incurred.

The General Manager advised that the EPA regularly monitored this situation and advertised "No Burn Days". He further advised that Council, in conjunction with Fire Control, provided advice to residents and that in known cases of illegal burning action was taken. He also advised that farmers did have certain rights in terms of burning and agricultural crops.

12. Councillor Rasmussen enquired what the status of the Three Town Sewerage Task Force was.

The General Manager advised that it was a matter for the members of the Task Force to organise and convene a meeting and one of them, Cllr Sheather, had been away until yesterday.

13. Councillor Rasmussen requested an update on the Windsor Mall.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that concrete had been successfully poured around one of the trees and that no major structural damage had been caused. He advised that sandstone was now being acquired to use as capping.

Councillor Rasmussen enquired if the Wisteria was to remain in the Mall.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that it may be possible to save this using the same method.

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14. Councillor Conolly requested that draft minutes of General Purpose Committee meetings be sent to Councillors who are unable to stay for the entire meeting.

The General Manager advised that this could be done.

15. Councillor Finch tabled correspondence from the Comleroy Road School of Arts requesting the construction of a toilet.

The Mayor advised that this would be investigated.

16. Councillor Finch referred to the previous question from Councillor Sheather in relation to the development on Kurmond Road. She enquired what the procedure was for this and if a development application had been received.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that a development application had been received and will be reported to Council.

17. Councillor Gilling requested that pot holes on Terrace Road, North Richmond be repaired.

The Mayor advised that this would be done.

18. Councillor Gilling advised that fill was being placed on property at the Cnr of Fairey Road and Argyle Street and enquired if Council was aware of this.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that this was an approved industrial subdivision which was currently in its second stage.

Councillor Gilling enquired how much fill was being placed on this site.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that in some parts it was over 3 metres deep.

Councillor Gilling enquired if this would bring the site up to the 1:100 flood level.

The Director of Environment & Development advised that it would not be to this level.

19. Councillor Williams referred to a recent protest meeting which was held at The Ponds and signage which was left on site and confiscated by Council. He advised that, if notified, those responsible would have removed the signs and enquired if it was necessary for Council to take this action.

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The Director of Environment & Development advised that when material was placed on public land without the consent of Council instructions to staff are to remove all such material.

20. Councillor Sheather referred to a previous item in the business paper and enquired if information was now available in relation to tar sealing.

The Director of Community & Corporate Services advised that there had been an additional \$100,000 allocated between Roads Works Maintenance & Construction, an additional \$100,000 to community buildings. Further, when the surplus from Superannuation Funds was split up there was \$30,000 added for Road Shoulder Maintenance in addition to the \$236,000 for sealing unsealed roads.

21. Councillor Sheather referred to the question from Councillor Gilling in relation to the Terrace Road. He enquired if line marking or reflectors could be replaced on this road as it was unsafe in foggy weather.

The Director of Asset Services & Recreation advised that line marking would be replaced once repair work was completed.

The meeting terminated at 4.55pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 29 August, 2000.

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Mayor