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ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES**Meeting Date: 2 May, 2000****Item: 77****ITEM: 77** **Bligh Park Joint Venture****FILE NUMBER:** GT130/001 Pt 17/GMA/OGE02LAX.G09**REPORT:**

The Bligh Park Joint Venture has been proceeding since 1985 and has involved the Council and a State Government joint venture partner which is currently Landcom.

The Joint Venture Committee has resolved to terminate the venture as all the objectives have been met. This will occur some time this month.

There are a few works outstanding that the Joint Venture has resolved to fund and these include:-

- Desilting and cleaning the drainage system in the area
- Foot paving to Kentwell Drive
- Foot paving and cycle way for Colonial Drive, Arkell Drive, Perkins Street as well as Colonial Reserve and Berger Road Lake
- Provision of a CDS unit to the storm water system adjacent to Arkell Drive
- Traffic signals and road widening at the intersection of George Street and Rifle Range Road
- Pedestrian bridge over the channel adjacent to Porpoise Crescent.

The works total just over \$1 million and are currently being programmed for implementation.

The Bligh Park design incorporates extending into the adjoining North Bligh Park area. At this stage North Bligh Park has not proceeded due to concerns from the State Emergency Services over evacuation during major flooding. All other agencies have approved the area proceeding for urban purposes. There are five areas of land within Bligh Park that adjoin North Bligh Park that would be best retained until North Bligh Park proceeded to enable the best configuration of future residential lots. They have a total value of \$140,000 and it would be appropriate that the Council acquired the land and then utilise it when North Bligh Park proceeds. The lots, their area and value are as follows:-

Lot No.	Area	Value
9073	114 m2	\$6,000
9146	935.6 m2	\$47,000
9156	662.7 m2	\$33,000
9157	432 m2	\$30,000
9164	476.5 m2	\$24,000

The Bligh Park Joint Venture has provided considerable benefits to the residents of the area directly as well as those throughout the whole of the Local Government area by providing facilities such as the recreation centres and a capital works program that has significantly benefitted rural roads and the purchase of the land for the three town sewerage.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Council acquire the (5) five remaining areas of land from the Bligh Park Joint Venture for a value of \$140,000 (one hundred and forty thousand dollars). The Seal of Council be placed on all necessary documents in this matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 78 **Membership of Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board**

FILE NUMBER: GM001/021 PT12/CSV/OGE02LBX.C08

REPORT:

Following the recent resignation of Mr Bob Seldon, the Large Business Representative on the Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board, the Board took the opportunity to review its membership and representation.

As a result, it was resolved to create two new positions ie Retail and Public Sector Representatives and to replace the Large Business Representative. Accordingly, nominations were received and it was resolved by the Board that the following people be invited onto the Board:

- Mr Bart Bassett - Chair of Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce - Windsor Road Task Force and proprietor of Oz Design Furniture at Penrith - Retail Sector Representative.
- Ms Geniene Eggleton - Chief Executive Officer of Hawkesbury District Hospital - Public Sector Representative.
- Mr Robert Calvert - former Councillor, Mayor and Chair of the Board and currently proprietor of property development and construction company Calcorp Pty Limited - Large Business Representative.

It is noted that each of the nominees has indicated their willingness to join the Board and as the Board is now unincorporated and an Advisory Committee of Council, endorsement of the expansion of the membership and the respective nominations is requested from Council. It is anticipated that each of these nominees, through their experience and capabilities, would be able to significantly contribute to the aims and objectives of the Board.

As the Board is due to meet next Friday 5 May, it is requested that Council consider the matter in Committee of the Whole, to allow the nominees to attend and vote on issues at Friday's meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council in Committee of the Whole, endorse the proposed expansion of the Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Board and the appointment of the nominees as detailed above.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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