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Mayoral Ball (GP091/001)

The 2000 Mayoral Debutante Ball is being hosted by Hawkesbury City Council and will be held on 19 August 2000 at Windsor Function Centre. The event provides the a civic occasion at which a number of Hawkesbury ladies will be making their debut and provides an opportunity for any interested residents to join in an entertaining evening.

The ball has been co-ordinated by Councillor Allan and the Matron of Honour for the evening will be Councillor Woods. A number of young ladies between the ages of 16 and 21 have applied to be involved in the ball and training sessions have commenced in traditional etiquette and dancing.

A Mayoral Ball is steeped in tradition and is being held for the year 2000 after a break of several years. The last Mayoral Ball was held in 1994. The majority of costs relating to the ball are funded through ticket sales, however, additional costs for debutante practice sessions, dance tuition, and entertainment have been requested.

It is recommended that a contribution towards the cost of the ball be made to cover hall hire for debutant practice sessions ($228), dance tuition ($600) and entertainment ($1,100).

<u>Recommendation</u>

That Council support the 2000 Mayoral Debutante Ball with the donation of $1,928 (one thousand and twenty eight dollars) being made towards expenses incurred. Funding is to be provided from the donations budget.

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Councillor Sheather:

That:

1. Council facilitate buses between our community and the eleven (11) designated locations where our City Olympic Torch Bearers are participating.

2. Council also facilitate buses between our community and the areas within Penrith City where that City has major celebrations proposed.

It is proposed that buses be provided for on a fee for service basis.

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Councillors G Gilling, P Davies, L Sheather and D Finch:

That the resolution of the Ordinary Meeting of Council, 11 July, 2000 in respect of Item 126 - Lot 3 DP263123 76 Pecks Road, North Richmond, Single Storey Detached Dual Occupancy and Two Torrens Title Subdivision be rescinded. (MA0423/00)

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- **NEXT MEETING.**

Report 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.

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)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Western Sydney Waste Board has outlined a proposal to construct the pre-treatment plant for household waste on Lot 194 DP 823986, a freehold parcel of land owned by Council. This land previously used as a landfill operation, adjoins Lot 192 DP 729625 which Council leases from the University of Western Sydney, on which the current landfill operation takes place.

The land that Council owns is currently zoned Part Rural 1(b) and Part 5(a) Special Uses - Garbage Depot. The land is leased from the University and is zoned entirely Special Uses 5(a) - Garbage Depot.

A review of the technologies proposed by the Western Sydney Waste Board has raised some concern as to whether the current zoning would, in fact, allow this to be constructed. To remove the ambiguities it is considered appropriate to alter the zone of both parcels of land to reflect the practices in modern waste management. Modern waste management includes landfill operations, recycling operations, reprocessing of green waste, spent concrete, white goods and metal, and now pre-treatment.

In order to accommodate the range of activities that may take place on this site, it is considered that an alteration to the zoning is required. It is therefore concluded that both parcels of land should be zoned Special Uses 5(a) Waste Management. In addition to this change of zone, a new clause should be inserted in Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan, referring to both parcels of land which will allow the following activities to take place if they are used for waste management.

These are:

- industries
- rural industries
- junk yards
- extractive industries
- waste management facility or works

These definitions are contained in Hawkesbury's Local Environmental Plan or used in the Regulation of the Act. There would seem to be the generic definitions that would cover the activities of modern waste management.

As this rezoning will affect land directly owned by Council, the Department of Urban and Affairs and Planning will be required to issue the Certificate to allow the plan to go on exhibition. This exhibition will be for a period of at least four weeks and will involve notification to adjoining owners, including those owners adjacent to the site in Penrith Council. Once the exhibition has been completed, a report will be prepared for Council's consideration on the outcome of the public consultation with a recommendation to proceed or not to proceed with the draft amendment.

Ultimately it will be the decision of the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning as to whether this change takes place.

Recommendation

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 54 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, Council prepare an amendment to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 that affects Lot 194 DP 823986 and Lot 192 DP 729625 to alter the zoning to Special Uses 5(a) Waste Management and to insert a clause in Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan that would allow the following activities, if they are for the purpose of waste management.

   - industries
   - rural industries
   - junk yards
   - extractive industries
   - waste management facility or works

2. The Department of Urban Affairs and Planning be requested to issue a Section 65 Certificate to allow this plan to proceed to exhibition, once the appropriate public authorities have been consulted.

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.

<u>COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION</u>

That the information be received.

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the advice of the Heritage Committee be adopted.

Supplementary Reports

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

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

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.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That a site inspection be carried out.

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.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In consideration of Council's recommendation that the funding voted for sealing gravel roads be utilised on either St Albans Road or Settlers Road it is considered that the work should be undertaken on the St Albans Road.

The main reason for this recommendation is that St Albans Road is a regional road which does have a chance, albeit minimal, of attracting matching funding from the Roads & Traffic Authority under Regional Roads Rehabilitation or Enhancement Programs. The probability is small as projects are prioritised on a benefit/cost ratio, traffic volume, percentage of heavy vehicles, and support for public transport basis.

The length of seal required on St Albans Road is 9.1 kilometres compared to 10.1 kilometres on Settlers Road, however, Settlers Road also has the disadvantage of two single lane bridges and two causeways whereas a continuous two lane road can be provided for the full length of St Albans Road.

It is considered that the cost to carry out reconstruction and sealing of both roads would be similar.

Recommendation

That:

1. The current funding of $236,000 (two hundred and thirty six thousand dollars) be allocated towards sealing a portion of St Albans Road in the current budget.

2. Council continue to lobby the government to obtain further funding for the sealing of dirt roads

3. 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)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

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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;

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)

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

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.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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

Mr Carl Bazely, resident, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

Supplementary Reports

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

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

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.

   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 discression 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.

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, Clr 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.

14. Councillor Conolly requested that draft minutes of Council 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.

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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reports for determination

ITEM: 239 **Bells Line of Road**

FILE NUMBER: 0243/RPt.10/GMA/ORH08NAX.G16

REPORT:

In August 1998 the NSW Government committed $360m to an upgrade of the Great Western Highway and Mitchell Highway between Penrith and Orange over a twelve year period. This was followed in September by a Federal Government contribution of $100m that would enable the work to be accelerated. The Great Western Highway provides the major road, freight, tourist and commercial link between Sydney and Western New South Wales. This role is currently supplemented by Bells Line of Road.

Following a motion at the 1998 Local Government Conference where Blue Mountains City Council supported the CENTROC Group of Councils in looking at the future role of Bells Line of Road, the Roads and Traffic Authority engaged consulting engineers Maunsell McIntyre to undertake a study of the route, review its role, and develop a long term development strategy appropriate to that role. Basically the objectives of the study were: -

- Determine what role Bells Line of Road should fulfill as a link across the Blue Mountains relative to the Great Western Highway.
- Determine options to link the route at North Richmond to key destinations in Sydney, including consideration of flood free routes across the Nepean River and South Creek.
- Assess the feasibility of a high standard road across the Blue Mountains, together with a number of lower cost options.
- Develop, validate and cost comprehensive short, medium and long term strategies and action plans appropriate to its future role.

Bells Line of Road was a rudimentary track in the late 1800's with reconstruction taking place between the 1930's and 1950's to the current standard that generally sees a design speed of around 60km/h, but in some sections this is reduced to under 50km/h, with the steepest grade being 12% and the sharpest curve being at Mount Tomah.

When comparing traffic volumes at the Nepean River, the Great Western Highway carries just under 40,000 vehicles per day, with Bells Line of Road at the Hawkesbury River around 12,000 vehicles per day. However at Lithgow the Great Western Highway contributes around 10,000 vehicles per day while Bells Line of Road, around 15,000 vehicles per day.

The figures indicate the local traffic involved with the Great Western Highway at its eastern end with the Lithgow figures indicating the cross regional demand.

Action for Transport 2010 is the State Government's plan for the future of New South Wales transport into the next century. For rural and regional communities there are commitments for major road improvements, more efficient road and rail freight routes for getting produce to markets and ports, and a long term commitment to maintain rural rail networks. This study supports the State Government's $360m program over twelve years to upgrade the Great Western and Mitchell Highways.

In 1998 consulting engineers Sinclair, Knight Merz undertook a study on options to improve the Great Western Highway and Mitchell Highway route to Orange. A range of action strategies were prepared and evaluated. These included a high standard bypass route around urban centres within the Blue Mountains that effectively became an alternate route. The cost of the entire motorway from Penrith to Lithgow was estimated at between $1,800m and $2,300m.

In 1996 the Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation undertook a study for both CENTROC and the NSW Department of Transport, Roads and Traffic Authority and Freight Rail. Recommendations from the study included priority funding to the Great Western Highway, Mitchell Highway and Mudgee Road maintaining the rail system for produce from the region, supporting inter modal freight terminals at Blayney and Parkes for the consolidation of goods on to rail, improvement of rail passenger transport, particularly XPT services, and equitable funding for transport systems to support regional growth.

The NRMA has undertaken two regional studies regarding the Central West and found that the performance of the Great Western Highway, particularly through the Blue Mountains, can affect trade and tourism in the Central West.

A regional economics research unit study for CENTROC found that a motorway through the Blue Mountains would result in the following economic benefits:-

- One off increase of 5,500 new jobs
- $140m in annual household income, and
- Over $200m in annual gross regional product.

There were two workshops held during the development of the current study where there were some common and divergent views. The common views included that the Great Western Highway should be a local/access road, while Bells Line of Road should be a through/freight road; ribbon development along any future corridor is undesirable and that a motorway option would cause modal shifts away from rail, which is already inadequate and poorly promoted. The divergent view was the focus of those from the Central West that economic development and the future of their area depended on a motorway option, and that the World Heritage listing of the Blue Mountains could eliminate any future opportunities; while those of the Blue Mountains saw that a motorway would have negative environmental impacts and divert funds away from other necessary road projects such as Windsor Road, the Castlereagh Freeway and the Sydney Orbital.

At the Bathurst workshop it became very clear that the participants did not want a motorway persae, but the urgent dedication of a road corridor through the Blue Mountains to give them breathing space and to keep options open for the development of Central West New South Wales.

Options Considered

The construction of a high standard four lane route between Marangaroo, west of Lithgow and the Hawkesbury River would be in the order of $1,500m - $2,000m. This includes alternative alignments at Scenic Hill, Lithgow and Bellbird Hill, Kurrajong Heights. The very high costs indicate the proposal is impracticable. Economic evaluation showed negative net present value and very low benefit cost ratios.

A four lane road generally along the existing Bells Line of Road also has very high costs of approximately $1,100m. This has negative net present value and very low benefit cost ratio.

A third option was an alternative route for B-Doubles to avoid the River Lett Hill and Victoria Pass sections of the Great Western Highway. Estimated cost was $489m and did not include any upgrading of Bells Line of Road from Bell to Richmond. This has a better benefit cost ratio than the other options but still does not appear feasible for the foreseeable future.

Upgrading the section of Bells Line of Road from Bell to Richmond for B-Doubles was likely to add $200m - $500m to the total cost.

The fourth option was moderate levels of upgrading of Bells Line of Road at a cost of $50m, with this showing the best economic returns, but the improvements were only at priority locations and do not allow for the use of B-Double units.

The best option for B-Double operation was the committed program of works on the Great Western Highway.

Role of Great Western Highway and Bells Line of Road

In determining the relative roles of both roads, several major considerations were identified:-

- Medium to long term traffic demand across the Blue Mountains justifies the development of only one primary route and a supplementary route.
- The Great Western Highway is already the more developed route and is designated as a road of National importance.
- Federal and State funds have already been committed to further improvement on the Great Western Highway.
- Bells Line of Road is very expensive to develop to a significantly higher standard than at present because of the severe terrain.
- Despite calls for the reservation of a corridor for our future freeway, or augmented current route, there appears little reason to do so, given that the land uses within the study are reasonably stable and the financial, economic and environmental impacts mitigate against development of a freeway in any case.

Recommended Strategy

The recommended strategy of the consultants is that to achieve a B-Double route across the Blue Mountains, this can only be achieved in one of two ways:

1. A minimal cost option of providing an upgraded route between Lithgow and Mount Victoria, either via Bell and Darling Causeway or by works on the Great Western Highway at River Lett Hill and Victoria Pass, and then using the Great Western Highway as a designated B-Double route. In this case works on the remainder of Bells Line of Road would be limited to safety improvements. Improving the existing Great Western Highway by upgrades of the River Lett Hill and Victoria Pass is the lowest cost option estimated at between $80m - $140m.

2. In addition to the western escarpment upgrading, undertaking works on Bells Line of Road to enable fully laden B-Doubles to travel along its entire length is expensive and would cost between $600m - $1,100m.

If neither of these options is acceptable, either on cost or community grounds, then there is no alternative means of achieving a B-Double route directly across the Blue Mountains. It would then need to be acknowledged that road freight movement across the Blue Mountains will be curtailed, and alternative routes to the north and south would need to be developed and/or rail operations improved to enable the most efficient possible cross mountains freight movement.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Council's position in relation to Bells Line of Road and the Great Western Highway, given the Federal and State Government's commitment, and the support of Blue Mountains City Council to having the Great Western Highway declared a road of National importance, is that it should be the primary route between Sydney and Central West. Bells Line of Road should see continual works to provide for traffic safety given its accident history. The rail system should be given priority, together with appropriate terminals to see maximum use for transport of produce and passengers. For environmental and economic reasons the Council does not favour a further dedicated motorway through the Blue Mountains.

2. The development of a B-Double route should only be after an evaluation, including the net present value and benefit cost ratios of B-Doubles as opposed to rail.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 239 Oooo

ITEM: 240 **Healthy Cities Partnership Agreement**

FILE NUMBER: GP070/026 Pt.3/GMA/ORH08NAX.G05

REPORT:

A partnership agreement has been prepared to further the Hawkesbury Healthy Cities Program that involves the Council, Hawkesbury District Health Service, NSW Cancer Council, the University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury and the Hawkesbury Division General Practice.

The agreement has the objective "to bring people together to plan and promote processes and activities to make the Hawkesbury a healthier place to live, and to promote environments and cultures which support a healthy lifestyle".

The aims of working together are:-

- To network with key stake holders and gate keepers in the Hawkesbury.
- Give and gain support for a variety of projects/work between the different organisations and community members involved.
- Strengthen external relationships with other organisations, and
- Work together as a team which allows programs to be initiated which would not normally be started due to other work commitments.

The agreement addresses funding commitments and resource sharing, mechanisms for communication/information sharing, guidelines and protocols, systems for monitoring and evaluation, processes for management of joint programs, and a review.

The Council's funding commitment is $250 per annum to produce four newsletters, a degree of administrative support, and provide access for funding applications such as the Western Sydney Area Assistance Scheme.

The Council's other roles include environmental and community health reporting to the Council, displays and promotions, and being part of the review mechanism.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council concur with the Hawkesbury Healthy Cities partnership agreement for the period 2000/2004 and have the document executed.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 240 Oooo

ITEM: 241 **Water Management Bill**

FILE NUMBER: GW020/003/GMA/ORH08NAX.G20

REPORT:

The NSW Government has introduced into Parliament a Bill which proposes a new Water Management Act. The outcome will be the most significant change to water management legislation for 90 years. Comments on the Bill can be made up until 31 August 2000 to the Department of Land and Water Conservation.

One of the primary objectives of the proposed act is to protect and enhance water sources and the eco-systems which depend on them.

Water Management Plans will be drafted by local water management committees across the State. Through this planning process, water for the basic needs of eco-systems will be identified and protected.

The proposed Act specifies three types of environmental water:

1. Water for fundamental eco-system health, to be known as "environmental health water". This is to ensure basic health of our water eco-systems and will include current environmental flow provisions on the Murrumbidgee, Namoi and other regulated rivers. At this stage the Hawkesbury is not considered as a regulated river.

2. Water for specific environmental purposes which may or may not be needed every year, known as "supplementary environmental water". This water will be set aside, but its use will be triggered by critical events, eg fish passage requirement. If this water is not used, it can be reallocated for extractive use or other purposes.

3. Licensed water which is used for environmental purposes known as "adaptive environmental water". This allows a holder of a water access licence to dedicate the water to environmental purposes.

In terms of management of activities, the Act will simplify Government administrative processes with the following types of approvals specified:

1. Water use approvals which authorise the use of water on land, issued for up to 10 years.

2. Water management approvals, being those for water supply works, drainage works or flood works, issued for up to 20 years.

3. Approvals for particular activities on water-front land including such things as sand and gravel extraction. These will be issued for up to three years.

4. Approvals for activities which interfere with aquifers including such things as mining operations and excavations. These licences will be issued for up to 10 years.

In issuing any approval, the Department of Land and Water Conservation must be satisfied that adequate arrangements are in place to ensure minimal harm will be done to any water source or dependent eco-system.

The Act will also provide for the establishment of water source protection zones as part of the water management planning process with their establishment subject to rigorous consultation.

The reasons for the Act are that the Government believes that the stage has been reached that the continuing use of water is advancing degradation of the environment that will provide serious effects. This has clearly been pointed out in the Healthy Rivers Commission enquiries undertaken to date.

The competition for water has increased significantly, therefore to achieve the greatest community benefit there is a need to have sensible water-sharing arrangements and encouraging water users to employ water for its highest and best value use.

The Bill proposes that most of the previously existing Acts will be consolidated into one. It carries over many provisions from the Water Act, Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, Irrigation Corporations Act, Private Irrigation Districts Act, Water Supply Authorities Act, Hunter Valley Flood Mitigation Act and others.

In addition, it introduces new principles and processes which:

1. Provide for a robust, functioning environment.

2. Strengthen the community/government partnership in managing water resources.

3. Clarify and strengthen water rights.

The Act provides for land-holders to have two basic water rights. These rights will be tied to the land and cannot be transferred or sold and licences will not be needed.

1. Domestic and stock rights. This will entitle land-holders to take water for domestic use and the watering of stock from any river, estuary or lake to which the land has frontage or from an aquifer underlying the land. Domestic use will include normal household purposes and watering a garden, although volumes may be specified and are likely to vary for different parts of the State. No approvals will be required for pumps, pipes, tanks needed to allow for the use of this right except for bores and in some instances, dams.

2. Harvestable rights. This will give land-holders the right to capture and use for any purpose a minimum of 10% of the average regional yearly rainfall run-off from their property.

The proposed Act also introduces a more flexible and secure system of water licensing. Existing licences will be replaced with water access licences, water use approvals and water supply work approvals. The water access licence will be a right to a share of the available water from a water source, usually expressed in megalitres per year. This licence will be tradeable and will have a considerable value in some areas.

There are a number of categories of these licences that include:

1. Local water utility which will have the highest priority and be issued for up to 20 years.

2. On regulated rivers, high security and general security water licences which will be issued for up to 15 years and opportunistic water licences which may be licensed for up to two years. High security will have priority over general security which will have priority over opportunistic.

3. Access licences for unregulated rivers, aquifers, estuarine water and coastal water, all issued for up to 15 years.

The Act provides for transferable licences subject to the following:

1. The rules set out in the relevant Water Management Plan or the Minister's plan.

2. Local and major water utilities can transfer allocations for one year only.

3. Opportunistic access licences are not transferable unless permitted by the relevant Water Management Plan or Minister's plan.

The proposed Act provides for Water Management Plans that will give the rules and objectives at a local level to guide water management. The plans will have legal standing and include components such as water-sharing, water source protection, drainage management and flood plain management. The plans will be for a term of five years which can be extended by the Minister for a further five years if performance indicators are being met.

The plans will be prepared by water management committees that will include representatives from water users, councils, the aboriginal community, environmental protection groups, catchment management boards/trusts, the Department of Land and Water Conservation and others as deemed appropriate. Each committee will have an independent chair. They will be appointed by the Minister and will be given a specific task, eg to develop or review a particular type of plan within a particular area.

Where a Water Management Plan is not prepared and in place the Act allows the Minister to make a Minister's plan.

The proposed Act also establishes a Water Advisory Council as the peak advisory group to the Minister on matters relating to water management. The council will include State level representatives from the same interests as those specified for the water management committees.

The implementation of the Act is seen to take place in a period of up to five years and during this time licence holders should be able to continue operating as they currently are. The Act specifies that all existing licences, permits and approvals will be carried over, eg current water licence holders will continue to be able to use their current licences after the commencement of the Act for a transitional period.

If during the period of a Water Management Plan, the Minister adjusts the plan's bulk access regime in the public interest, the holder of an access licence whose water allocations are reduced as a result, can claim compensation from the Government. This does not, however, apply to opportunistic water licences.

The benefits seen from the proposed Act are:

1. Land-holders will have a basic right to access water from any river, estuary or lake to which the land has frontage, or to any aquifer underlying the land, to meet their domestic needs and for stock-watering.

2. Land-holders have a harvestable right which can be used for any purpose.

3. Basic water rights are available with no requirements for licences or approvals, except for bores and in some instances, dams will require approval.

4. Basic water rights are free from Government fees and charges.

5. Better to find and more secure licensed access to water.

6. Rules for access to water in the future, defined and protected by statutory Water Management Plans.

7. Simplified trading of water access licences.

8. More opportunities for people to manage their water licence in ways that deliver financial advantages.

9. Greater flexibility in planning and developing water reliant enterprises.

10. Incentives for more efficient use of water.

There has been some debate within the community regarding this matter and the Council may wish to hear representations at the next General Purpose Committee meeting. The deadline for comments to the Department is the end of the month and at this stage there is no indication of any extention.

It is considered that the reforms are in the interests of both water users and the enviornment are supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed reforms be supported and the Department of Land and Water Conservation advised accordingly.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 241 Oooo

ITEM: 242 **Documents for Execution Under Seal of Council**

FILE NUMBER: GC283/003, GC283/151, GC283/153/CSV/ORH08NBX.C08

REPORT:

Retail Lease GC283/003	Renewal of Lease Agreement for Shop 3, Glossodia Shopping Centre by Lesley Carol Luthy of Tennyson Road, Tennyson. The commencing rental is $12,000 (plus GST) per annum ($1,000 per calender month), to be reviewed annually in accordance with CPI for Sydney. The tenants are also responsible for payment of 10.72% of the outgoings and 7.5% of rates and taxes in respect of the Centre. Use of premises is to remain as a General Store.
Retail Lease GC283/151 GC283/153	The owner of "Home Pics Video", operating from Shop 7, Glossodia Shopping Centre, has sold the business to Gavin Nelson and Carolin O'Flynn. The new owners wish to transfer the business to the vacant Shop 5 at Glossodia Shopping Centre, which is a smaller shop. (Shop 5 has an area of 67m2, and Shop 7 has an area of 130m2). Subsequently, it is proposed to offer the new owners a 3 x 3 year lease at a commencing rental of $11,960 per annum ($230 per week, exclusive of GST) with the rental to be reviewed annually in accordance with CPI for Sydney. The tenants will be responsible for 6.41% of outgoings and 4.49% of rates and taxes in respect on the Centre. It is noted that the lease in respect of Shop 7 will have to be surrendered by the current tenant, Mrs Michelle Alcorn.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Seal of Council be affixed to the above documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 242 Oooo

ITEM: 243 **2000/2003 Insurance Tender**

FILE NUMBER: GI001/004/CSV/ORH08NBX.C03

REPORT:

The appointment of Council's Insurance Broker, Jardine Lloyd Thompson, will expire on 20 August, 2000, and at the same time Council's General Insurances Policies (with the exception of Public Liability, Professional Indemnity and Motor Vehicle) fall due for renewal.

In this respect, tenders for Council's General Insurances and Brokering Services for up to a three year period were advertised for submission from registered brokers who are members of the National Insurance Brokers Association. This has ensured that Council receives the most competitive insurance premium and services in the placement and supervision of Council's insurance needs.

In response to the tender process, two submissions were received from registered insurance brokers as listed below, and meet the tender specifications:

1. Lowndes Lambert
2. Jardine Lloyd Thompson

Subsequently, upon receipt of tenders Jardine Lloyd Thompson and Lowndes Lambert supported their tender proposals with a formal presentation.

Lowndes Lambert indicated their approach was to provide a strong value added service that would embrace a philosophy of promoting a tripartite relationship between Council, underwriters and broker. The service fee is $15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars). This relationship ensures that they are part of a review process that assists Council in its insurance and risk needs for new and existing activities.

Further detailed below is an assessment of terms and conditions submitted excluding GST as recommended by each Insurance Broker.

Policy	1999/2000 Premium	Lowndes Lambert	Jardine Lloyd Thompson
Contract Works	$3,319.06	$2,720.00	$3,277.60
Fidelity Guarantee	$1,465.88	$2,200.00	$1,332.95
Industrial Special Risks	$84,962.00	$94,451.02	$65,628.30
Marine Hull (Small Plant)	$712.00	$903.48	$903.48

Policy	1999/2000 Premium	Lowndes Lambert	Jardine Lloyd Thompson
Marine Hull - Lower Portland Ferry	$2,200.00	$1,487.00	$1,487.50
Works Compensation Excess of Loss	$16,000.00	$25,000.00	$17,500.00
Personal Accident	$2,199.45	$800.00	$2,000.00
Service Fee	Nil	$15,000.00	Nil
Total	**$110,858.39**	**$142,561.50**	**$92,129.83**

The insurance market for Industrial Special Risks cover is cyclical and is now showing signs of moving into a hard cycle where insurers are seeking rate increases it can be expected that premiums will rise. It should also be noted that this premium forms the major component of the General Insurance Portfolio.

To cushion Council from the full impact of such premium increases, Jardine Lloyd Thompson has recommended that the most cost effective premium terms available are those offered by Statewide Property Mutual Self-Insurance Scheme which provides a $28,822.72 reduction in comparison to the general underwriting market.

At the present time there are 179 councils and county councils involved in this property mutual scheme. This purchasing power provides Council with greater benefits than one-off arrangements with the general insurance market and is evident in the comparative terms provided.

The Property Mutual Scheme has over $4.2 million in reserve held for payment of claims. The scheme has excess insurance to cover any losses exceeding of $4.2 million in total and as a mutual scheme any surplus is distributed back to members dependent on their claims experience.

Council will be aware that its Civil Liability (Public Liability and Professional Indemnity) is arranged through Westpool and motor vehicle insurance is bulk purchased by Westpool on behalf of member councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Jardine Lloyd Thompson be appointed as Council's Insurance Broker for a three year period with such appointment dependent on subsequent renewal premiums and conditions being competitive.

2. The specific categories of insurance as detailed by Jardines Lloyd Thompson in respect of 20 August, 2000 renewals (incorporating Statewide Property Mutual Scheme) be renewed at a premium of $92,129.83 (ninety two thousand, one hundred and twenty nine dollars and eighty three cents.)

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 243 Oooo

ITEM: 244 **Streeton Lookout**

FILE NUMBER: PK/005 & GP010/017 PT1/CSV/ORH08NBX.C21

REPORT:

Representations have been received from interested residents in relation to the area at 548 Terrace Road, Freemans Reach, known unofficially as Terrace Park and, occasionally, Kilby Park or Lions Club Park. A formal name for the park is currently not registered with the Geographical Names Board.

It is proposed that the area be officially named Streeton Lookout, in honour of the great artist, Sir Arthur Streeton, who recorded the view below in one of the world's great landscape paintings "The Purple Noon's Transparent Might."

In 1996, Council erected a sign in the park honouring the painting's centenary. Visitors to the site can now see a reproduction of the painting, and compare it with the scene today - remarkably unchanged and of great interest to art lovers and general tourists alike.

The site is soon to become part of a series of sites known as the Hawkesbury Artists Trail (In The Steps of the Masters) for which funding has been granted by the Commonwealth under the Centenary of Federation Community Projects Program.

Streeton Lookout is an historically and culturally appropriate name for the site, recording the Hawkesbury's connection with the artist and having the potential to attract visitors from both within the Hawkesbury and beyond.

RECOMMENDATION:

That an application be put to the Geographical Names Board requesting that the area at 548 Terrace Road Freemans Reach be named Streeton Lookout.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 244 Oooo

ITEM: 245 **Delegates Expenses and Interstate Travel**

FILE NUMBER: GA030/014 & GM001/025 PT08/CSV/ORH08NBX.C13

REPORT:

The Cities and Town Centres Conference this year is being held in Hobart, Tasmania 3-6 September, 2000.

The Cities and Town Centres Conference has a theme of "Living Working Cities - The Real Attraction". Included the program over the three days are the following issues:

- revitalising city centres;
- promotion of street life;
- commercial and urban design;
- social mobility and accessibility; and
- the relevance of physical environment in what is becoming a virtual world.

In accordance with Council's Policy, interstate travel or conferences exceeding $1,500 (for registration, airfare, accommodation and out-of-pocket expenses) are required to be reported and resolved by Council. Councillor Allan has indicated an interest in attending this conference and it is proposed to send one staff member, the Director of Community & Corporate Services. The cost of attendance of the conference will be approximately $1,500 per delegate.

The conference is timely as Council allocated $80,000 in the 2000/2001 Financial Year Council to the Chamber of Commerce specifically as a contribution to the maintenance of the Mainstreet Program. In providing funds for economic development principles and criteria were resolved which put forward:

"*4. Initiatives which offer benefits to the whole City or to a whole economic sector are to be preferred to those which are more limited in scope.*

Exceptions to this criterion would be possible in cases where a specific group or class of enterprises (e.g. businesses in a "mainstreet" locality) are levied a Special Rate which would provide the funding for an initiative focussed on that particular group or class of enterprises."

In relation to future funding of Mainstreet Programs Council resolved to initiate the implementation to special rating for Tourism and Mainstreet in the 2001/2002 Financial Year.

To promote networking and professional development the Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (HEDAC) has put forward an agenda item to their next meeting of 11 August, 2000 encouraging representation from the Chamber of Commerce to represent HEDAC at the Cities and Town Centres Conference. Information relating to the conference will be provided to the Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce to determine their interest in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the attendance of Councillor Allan, one (1) staff member and the representative from the Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce at the Cities and Town Centres Conference in Hobart, Tasmania in September, 2000.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 245 Oooo

ITEM: 246 **Request for Donation - Richmond Ex-Serviceman's Soccer Club**

FILE NUMBER: GF008/001 PT22/CSV/ORH08NBX.C17

REPORT:

Council has received a request for a financial donation to assist the Richmond Ex-Serviceman's Soccer Club in representing the Hawkesbury and Nepean districts at the Trans Tasman Soccer Challenge on 7-11 September 2000.

A tour party of 52 players and 47 adults will be trekking to New Zealand's North Island to compete in over two days of solid soccer competition.

The request from the group is for $2000.00. With the many requests from sporting groups and individuals and the limited allocated funds available, unfortunately a donation of this scale is not feasible within the current budget allocation for community donations. The current practice in relation to donations for individuals or groups representing the area overseas is for a contribution of up to $100 to be made. However, Richmond Serviceman's Soccer Club will be the host Club for the 2001 Trans Tasman series and will showcase the district's reputation and hospitality throughout the state and abroad. The 2001 event will benefit local businesses and the community and as such, a donation to support the group this year in their sporting endeavours will recognise the value of this sporting exchange.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a donation of $500.00 (five hundred dollars) be made to the Richmond Ex-Serviceman's Soccer Club towards the expenses of the group for the tour to the Trans Tasman Soccer Challenge in September 2000 in New Zealand.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 246 Oooo

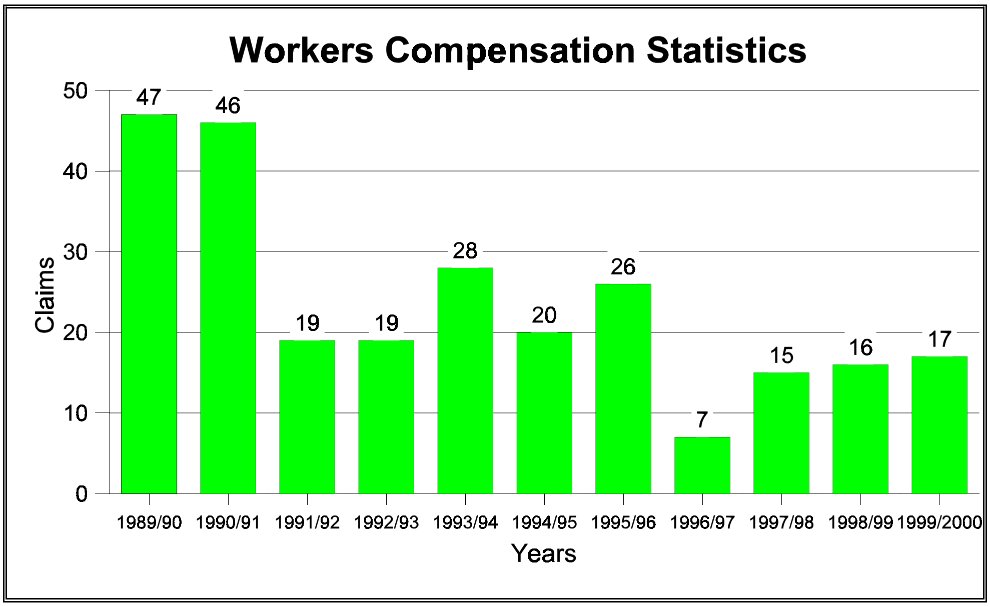
ITEM: 247 **Workers Compensation - Self Insurance Licence Renewal**

FILE NUMBER: GI055/007/CSV/ORH08NBX.C02

REPORT:

Council's licence to act as a self-insurer for Workers Compensation expires on 30 November, 2000. Council has been a self-insurer for workers compensation since 1983.

Under the terms of the licence, Council is required to set aside an amount equal to what would be paid as a deposit premium if traditional coverage was effected. This amount is used to meet any claims liability.



From a financial perspective there have been significant savings achieved in claims management by being self insured and in addition by retaining the premium this has enabled those amounts to be invested and in turn provide income that could not otherwise be achieved.

In conjunction with a Self-Insurers Licence it will be necessary for Council to continue to hold an Excess of Loss Insurance Policy. This policy limits Council's liability to a maximum of $350,000 (three hundred and fifty thousand dollars) indexed for any one claim.

The cost of maintaining this licence and to meet the current estimated claims liabilities will require funding of $473,4000 (four hundred and seventy three thousand, four hundred dollars).

In comparison, Council Insurance Broker was requested to obtain a premium through the traditional insurance market. In this regard a premium of $698,552 (six hundred and ninety eight thousand, five hundred and fifty two dollars) was quoted. Accordingly, on current liability estimates, Council will achieve a premium saving of $215,152 (two hundred and fifteen thousand, one hundred and fifty two dollars) by being self insured.

The required funding of $473,400 (four hundred and seventy three thousand four hundred dollars) has been provided for in the recently adopted estimates.

RECOMMENDATION:

That an application be submitted to the WorkCover Authority to renew Council's self insurance licence for Workers Compensation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 247 Oooo

ITEM: 248 **Quarterly Review as at 30 June 2000**

FILE NUMBER: GF004/003 PT01/FNC/ORH08NBX.F06

REPORT:

The fourth quarter's review of the Management Plan for the 1999/2000 Financial Year is reported to Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1993. Each of the "Targets" of the "Principal Activities" have been reviewed and the "Current Position" is now reported in the attachment to this Business Paper. In addition, the Quarterly Financial Statement, that forms part of the Management Plan, is included in the document.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the quarterly review of the 1999/2000 Management Plan and Financial Statement for the period to 30 June, 2000 be adopted.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 March Quarterly Review distributed separately to Senior Officers and Councillors

oooO END OF ITEM 248 Oooo

ITEM: 249 **Governor Phillip Reserve - Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club**

FILE NUMBER: PK/205 Pt7/ENG/ORH08NBX.E11

REPORT:

The Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club has advised of three additional days for their current 2000 Calender at Governor Phillip Reserve:

Sunday 15 October 2000	Club Day
Sunday 12 November 2000	Club Day
Sunday 3 December 2000	Club Day

These dates were not originally applied for during 1999 with the rest of their 2000 Calender because the Australian Power Boat Association were unable to sanction dates outside their calender year. This issue has been resolved between The Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club and the Australian Power Boat Association and in future their applications will be submitted in calender years.

The application complies with Council policy regarding use of the Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted to the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club for the of dates requested subject to the following standard conditions.

1 The Reserve being left clean and tidy with the applicant being responsible for collection and disposal of all waste.

2 If required the applicant contacting Council's Environmental Health Officer with regard to the sale of hot food.

3 If required the applicant obtaining all necessary permits/approvals in relation to amusement devices/rides and liaising with Integral Energy regarding the supply of power and their proximity to power supply lines.

4 If required, the applicant to obtain appropriate licence from the Licensing Branch of the NSW Police Service, for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed event.

5 The applicant obtaining appropriate licences from the Waterways Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

Oooo END OF ITEM 249 Oooo

ITEM: 250 **Governor Phillip Reserve Windsor - Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival - Exclusive Use, Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival Organising Committee**

FILE NUMBER: PK/205 Pt7/ENG/ORH08NBX.E12

REPORT:

Requesting:

1 Use of Governor Phillip Reserve on Saturday 19 August, 2000 for water activities, displays, food and beverage stalls with free admission to the general public;

2 Exclusive Use of Governor Phillip Reserve on Sunday 20 August 2000 to conduct the Windsor/Sackville 1-up-ski race with admission charges of $11.00/adult, $6.00/children/pensioners, $35.00/family pass (2 adults + 3 children) all prices include GST;

3 Seeking Council sponsorship in a total amount of $250.00 in relation to one class of the Windsor/Sackville 1-up-ski race.

The Aquatic Festival is an annual event. With regard to sponsorship, the Festival Committee is a private organisation retaining profits from the event and as such it is felt inappropriate to provide sponsorship. The application complies with Council's Policy regarding Exclusive Use of the Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

1 That approval be granted for the application by the Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival Organising Committee for use of Governor Phillip Reserve, Windsor on Saturday 19 August, 2000 and Exclusive Use on Sunday 20 August, 2000 subject to compliance with the following:

i With regard to non-exclusive use on Saturday 19 August, 2000 the Committee's activity must not unduly interfere with other patrons use of the reserve and its facilities.

ii A copy of a Public Liability Policy for $10,000,000 (ten million dollars) and indemnifying Hawkesbury City Council, is to be submitted one week prior to the event by the applicant.

iii A letter drop be undertaken to all affected residents in proximity to the event by the applicant, with that letter advising full details of the function.

iv The applicant obtaining appropriate licence from the Licensing Branch of the NSW Police Service, for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed function.

v The applicant paying the Exclusive Use contribution rate applying to the 2000 event, being $660.00 (six hundred and sixty dollars) or $1.10 per person (including GST), whichever is the greater, and any additional administrative costs incurred by Council, in pursuit of such payments.

vi The applicant obtaining all necessary permits relating to preparation/sale of hot foods/beverages.

2 The Reserve is to be left clean and tidy with the applicant being responsible for collection and disposal of all waste. The applicant paying to Council in an amount of $904.00 being:

i payment of $154.00 for ten (10) additional rubbish bins, including disposal; and,

ii a refundable bond of $750.00 less any cost incurred by Council, administrative or otherwise to clean/restore the area.

3 Sponsorship of the events not be supported.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

Oooo END OF ITEM 250 Oooo

ITEM: 251 **Governor Phillip Reserve, Windsor - Drag Boat Racers of Australia 2000 Racing Calendar**

FILE NUMBER: PK/205 Pt5/ENG/ORH08NBX.E15

REPORT:

Application has been received from the Drag Boat Racers of Australia for use of Governor Phillip Reserve on 21 October 2000 and 18 November 2000. These two race meetings are substitutions for the meetings that were cancelled on 16 April 2000 and 4 June 2000.

The application complies with Council policy regarding use of this reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

That approval be granted to the Drag Boat Racers of Australia for use of Governor Phillip Reserve on 21 October 2000 and 18 November 2000 subject to the following standard conditions:

1 The Reserve being left clean and tidy with the applicant being responsible for collection and disposal of all waste.

2 If required the applicant contacting Council's Environmental Health Officer with regard to the sale of hot food.

3 If required the applicant obtaining all necessary permits/approvals in relation to amusement devices/rides and liaising with Integral Energy regarding the supply of power and their proximity to power supply lines.

4 If required the applicant to obtain appropriate licences from the Licensing Branch of the NSW Police Service, for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed events.

5 The applicant obtaining appropriate licences from the Waterways Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 252 **Request for Extension of Hours - Licensing Court - Night Club/Restaurant - 10 West Market Street, Richmond (Formerly Cougars)**

FILE NUMBER: P2338/45/EVD/ORH08NBX.V07

REPORT:

Introduction

A request has been received from Angela M Frost Solicitor on behalf of Frank Catanea and Alfred Sorbella to extend the trading hours of the premises formerly known as "Cougars and Samantha's Nightclub" under the Liquor Licensing Act.

The extended hours involve to 3.00am Monday to Saturday and midnight on Sunday.

Background

Development Consent 361/1984 issued in respect to a commercial building involving shops on the ground floor and a reception centre on the first floor.

The consent contains no conditions that restrict operating hours.

Council, on 26 November, 1996 considered a requested to extend the trading hours to 3.00am where it resolved:

> *"That the request to 3.00am be supported for trial period of 12 months on the basis of another smaller operation in the area. The matter would be reviewed in 12 months to determine any public nuisance caused by the extended hours."*

The extended hours were never reviewed.

The previous night club Cougars have traded to 3.00am up until they recently closed down.

Applicants Justification

In support of the extended hours the applicant has indicated:

> *"My clients believe that the public who reside in or frequent the neighbourhood will benefit from an additional entertainment venue and the reopening of this premises will result in an increased choice of entertainment for tourists and the public generally.*

The proposed business will be engaging a security company to service the premises. The security staff will be responsible for patrolling car parks and surrounding shops and streets. They will offer a safe passage to patrons walking to their cars. There will be two security staff at the front door of the premises monitoring our dress code and ensuring that no minors or intoxicated persons enter the premises.

A metal detector will be used to scan for metal objectors. Surveillance cameras at the front entrance and also inside the nightclub will monitor the venue. This will ensure that management has first hand information in any situation. The tapes will record a whole nights trading.

The proposed operators do not anticipate that trading to 3am will result in the disturbance of the public in the neighbourhood as they intend to enforce a strict security plan so that there are no problems. Should an incident occur staff will be on hand to deal with this immediately. The proposed security measures will ensure problems are eliminated and will be closely monitored by the owners and the staff."

Other Night Clubs

Council has previously approved the extension to trading hours on the basis of other similar operations in the area. The other similar establishments in Richmond are shown in the table below with their trading hours.

Name of Premises	Hours	
Richmond Inn	Monday - Wednesday Thursday - Saturday Sunday	8.30am - 10.00pm Until 3.00am 10.00am - 10.00pm
Royal Hotel	Monday - Saturday Sunday	10.00am - 3.00am 10.00am till midnight
Commercial Hotel	Monday - Saturday Sunday	10.00am - midnight 10.00am - 9.00pm
Jupiters	Council approved 10 November 1992 to extend the hours of operation from 3.00am to 5.00am	
Richmond Golf Course	Licence allows 24 hour trading*	
Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Club	Monday - Thursday Friday - Saturday Sunday	9.30am - midnight 9.30am - 1-1.30am 9.00am - 10.30pm

* May not trade 24 hours

Police Comments

The Licensing Section of the Windsor Police was contacted in respect to the extended hours and indicated they had no objections to the hours proposed.

Conclusion

The application to the Licensing Court is to extend trading hours to 3.00am Monday to Saturday and Midnight Sunday.

The former night club had been operating to 3.00am up until its recent closure. Council has previously supported the extended trading hours on a trial basis to allow for further review. The basis for granting an extension on similar operation in the area has not changed.

The operator intends to implement suitable measures and management practices to reduce the potential for any adverse impact to the area. It is considered that the licensed hours should be reviewed regularly (12 months) to ensure satisfactory performance and compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the applicant and Licensing Court be advised that Council raises no objection to the extended trading hours for a 12 (twelve) month trial period to enable Council to monitor and review the matter in respect to public nuisance caused by the extended hours.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 253 **Accreditation of Aerated Water Treatment Systems Maintenance Operators**

FILE NUMBER: GE020/073/EVD/ORH08NBX.V19

REPORT:

At a recent meeting of the joint local councils administering the Sewage Management Facility legislation, and the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust (the Trust), the matter of accreditation of maintenance operators for individual domestic size Aerated Water Treatment Systems (AWTS), was again raised as an issue that requires urgent attention.

The reason for requiring such attention, is that all councils who have AWTS installed in their area, need to ensure those persons carrying out the quarterly maintenance on the systems are suitably qualified and experienced enough to carry out the servicing requirements correctly. Failure to carry out correct maintenance will result in either mechanical break downs of the system and or polluted waters being irrigated onto and around the yard areas of peoples' premises. This will result in unwarranted expense and health related risks for the occupants.

At present, some councils have prepared a list of operators that they recognise as suitable maintenance persons for the systems, based on proof of experience and in some cases qualifications. Unfortunately, this does not stop other non experienced or qualified person from carrying out maintenance on the systems and submitting a report under the recognised persons name, as there is no legal requirement to be accredited to perform this function.

The only reason councils have these lists, is to try and give some form of confidence to their ratepayers when they select a servicing agent. There is a disclaimer at the end of the list of servicing agents names, that states that Council does not recommend any of the agents, nor will they take any responsibility for their maintenance performance.

It was suggested by the committee members, that each representative from their individual council, prepare a report to their council requesting an adoption of a recommendation that Council make representation to the Minister of Health, the Minister for Local Government, the Minister of Land and Water Conservation, and the Minister of Fair Trading, requesting that an accreditation body be set up to issue accreditation to suitably qualified operators to perform maintenance and installation of AWTS, similar to that which is required to perform gas fitting, drainage or plumbing works on a State or National basis.

If this was achieved, it would give some surety to consumers of the service, that this important system, which has the potential to cause health risks to the occupants if not properly serviced, is being maintained by a person who has qualified by an accreditation process to carry out the work on their system.

In September 1998, the Trust on behalf of councils, wrote to the Minister for Local Government, requesting that an accreditation scheme and body be set up to cope with this situation. The response from the Minister was that it was not in his portfolio and that Local Councils and the Trust could set up its own scheme or refer the matter to the Minister for Land and Water Conservation and the Minister for Fair Trading for their determination.

A letter was then forwarded by the Trust to the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Land and Water Conservation, requesting consideration of the establishment of the aforementioned accreditation scheme. The Trust informed the committee that there has been no response to this correspondence.

In relation to the suggestion that councils and the Trust should set up the scheme, it is considered to be inappropriate and again a burden and responsibility that should not be borne by each Local Government area, and should be seen as important as installing sewer pipes or gas pipes, which requires a state recognised licence to perform this work.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council writes to the Minister of Local Government, Minister of Land and Water Conservation, the Minister of Fair Trading and the Minister of Health, requesting that an accreditation scheme and body be established for the maintenance operators and installers of Aerated Water Treatment Systems, similar to that required for a gas fitter or drainer.

2. The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 254 **Section 96 Application - Subdivision various lots Comleroy Road known as McCabes Subdivision**

FILE NUMBER: MA0371/99/EVD/ORH08NBX.V09

PREVIOUS ITEM: 48, GPC Section 1 - Environment (30.11.1999)

REPORT:

Introduction

A Section 96 application has been received to modify Development Consent MA371/99.

The applicantion involves:

- Varying condition 6(i) which required the relocation of a turning area;
- The deletion of condition 6(ii) which required relocation of a boundary;
- The transfer of proposed Lot 12, from in Stage 3 to Stage 2; and
- A minor modification to the shape of several of the approved lots to reflect site conditions.

A copy of the approved plans is attached as Appendix A.

Background

A development application involving a thirteen (13) lot subdivision in three stages was approved as a "Deferred Commencement" consent by Council at its meeting of 14 December, 1999.

Notification

The section 96 application was notified to adjoining owners and occupants for fourteen (14) days. No submissions were received.

Details of Proposed Modification

1. Condition 6(i) which required that the subdivision plan be amended by:

   "Extending the private accessway to beyond the natural depression across proposed Lot 13 and relocating the turning head at the end of this road."

   The applicant now proposes that:

   - The turning area be retained in the position shown on the approved plan;
   - The construction be in the form of a "T" rather than the circle shown on the approved plan; and
   - Access to Lot 13 be via a right of carriageway over the access to proposed Lot 12.

Comment:

The condition was imposed to provide access to the main building area on Lot 13 without the need to create an additional crossing of a drainage depression across the site. There is no objection to the actual turning area being located at the entrance to Lot 14 as previously proposed and constructed as a "T" provided alternative legal access is made to the main building area on Lot 13 without the need to construct an additional creek crossing. The applicant has suggested that a right of carriageway be created over the existing sealed driveway past Lot 13. A similar and better result can be achieved by simply extending the proposed community lot located over the access to provide the necessary legal access. It is recommended that condition 6(i) be amended to reflect this last option.

2. Condition 6(ii) which required:

> *"The common boundary between Lots 9 and 8 is to be relocated so that the southern boundary to Lot 9 is approximately 165 metres in length. The area of the lots is to be maintained."*

The applicant has requested the condition be deleted.

Comment:

The condition was imposed to relocate the access point to Lot 9 to beyond the crest to improve sight distance for safety. The lots have now been pegged out and the boundary location as now proposed is satisfactory. It is recommended that the condition be deleted.

3. The applicant proposes to amend the approved plans to include proposed Lot 12 in Stage 2. The lot is currently included in Stage 3. The lot will be renumbered as Lot 3 in Stage 2.

Comment:

This could technically be done without a formal approval as the Act provides for staged release of subdivisions without separate approval. However, for completeness the amended plan is recommended for formal approval.

4. The applicant proposes to amend the shape of a number of the lots in Stage 3. This includes Lot 12 which is now to be included in Stage 2 as Lot 3. Further, as a consequence of including Lot 12 in Stage 3, Lots 13 and 14 have been renumbered as Lots 12 and 13.

A copy of the approved plan and the proposed plan for Stage 3 is included as Appendices A & B.

Comment:

The lots are still substantially the same but some have been slightly modified to reflect site constraints such as privacy, water tanks, irrigation mains, trees and gullies. Many of the new lots have now been fenced and can be easily located on site. The amendments are relatively minor and do not change the ultimate use.

With the approval of the amended plan some of the lot numbers have changed. Condition 13 requires amendment to reflect the new numbering.

5. Condition 14 required:

> *"The construction of a sealed turning area at the end of the private accessway."*

Comment:

With the proposed variation to condition 6(i) this is no longer necessary. The construction of the turning area will take place before the end of the accessway as shown on the amended Stage 3 plan.

Conclusion

Section 96 of the EPA Act allows the modification of a consent if the consent authority is satisfied that it is substantially the same development.

The development as proposed is considered to be substantially the same as that approved, with the various modifications being of a minor nature and overall improving the environmental outcome of the development.

The modification are recommended for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

That consent M371/99 dated 23 December, 1999 be amended as follows:

1. Condition 1 be deleted and replaced with:

> *To confirm and clarify the terms of this approval, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved stamped plans prepared by McKinlay Morgan & Associates numbered 89269:LL:7 dated 23/11/1999 (Stage 1), 89269:LL:7 dated 23/11/1999 amended 9/5/2000 (Stages 2 & 3) and any supportive documentation except otherwise modified 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. Condition 6(i) be deleted and replaced with:

   The community lot in Stage 2 to extend to the eastern boundary of proposed Lot 4 (Lot 5 in Stage3).

3. Condition 6(ii) be deleted.

4. Condition 13 be amended by deleting Lot 14 and substituting Lot 13.

5. Condition 14 be deleted.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Approved Plan showing proposed amendments
AT-2 Proposed Plan

Approved Plan showing proposed amendments

Proposed Plan

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ITEM: 255 **Tender for Purchase of Waste Collection Vehicle**

FILE NUMBER: GT020/382 PT01/EVD/ORH08NBX.V18

REPORT:

Tenders for the replacement of a waste collection vehicle have been received and now assessed.

Eight submissions were received for the supply of a cab and chassis and compaction unit from the following companies:

- International Trucks Pty Ltd
- Metro Trucks Pty Ltd
- Scandinavian Forestry & Engineering
- Wastech Engineering
- City Hino Pty Ltd
- Volvo
- Daimler Chrysler
- MacDonald Johnston

Full details of tender submissions are as outlined below:

Company Name	*Body Type*	*Back Type*	*Warranty*	*Truck Price + GST*	*Retarder*	*Back Price + GST*	*Extras*	*Trade In*	*Total Price*
		Superior Pak	**2 years**	**$158,007**		**$115,208**		**$45,000**	**$228,215**
International	**Inter Acco**	**Macdonald J**	**1 year**	**$158,007**	**Jacobs**	**$119,482**	**$9,085**	**$45,000**	**$241,574**
		Compaction S	**2 years**	**$158,007**		**$110,590**		**$45,000**	**$223,597**
City Hino	**Model J08C-TG**	**Superior Pak**	**2 years**	**$158,676**	**Not Stated**	**$115,208**	**$9,085**	**$50,000**	**$223,884**
		Macdonald J	**1 year**	**$158,676**		**$119,482**		**$50,000**	**$237,243**
		Compaction S	**2 years**	**$158,676**		**$110,590**		**$50,000**	**$219,266**
Metro Truck	**UD CW380H**	**Superior Pak**	**2 years**	**$219,787**		**$115,208**		**$38,500**	**$296,495**
		Macdonald J	**1 year**	**$219,787**	**N/A**	**$119,482**	**$9,085**	**$38,500**	**$309,854**
		Compaction S	**2 years**	**$219,787**		**$110,590**		**$38,500**	**$291,877**
Volvo	**Volvo FL6**	**Superior Pak**	**2 years**	**$156,717**		**$115,208**		**$35,000**	**$236,925**
		Macdonald J	**1 year**	**$156,717**	**Jacobs**	**$119,482**	**$9,085**	**$35,000**	**$250,284**
		Compaction S	**2 years**	**$156,717**		**$110,590**		**$35,000**	**$232,307**
Scandinavian	**Volvo FL6**	**Compaction S**	**2 years**	**Not separated**	**Not stated**	**Not separated**	**Not stated**	**N/A**	**$323,106**
Daimler Chrysler	**Freighliner**	**Superior Pak**	**2 years**	**$154,026**		**$115,208**		**$35,000**	**$234,234**
		Macdonald J	**1 year**	**$154,026**	**W series**	**$119,482**	**$9,085**	**$35,000**	**$247,593**
		Compaction S	**2 years**	**$154,026**		**$110,590**		**$35,000**	**$229,616**
Wastech Eng	**N/A**	**Superior Pak**	**2 years**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**$115,208**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**$115,208**
Macdonald J	**N/A**	**Macdonald J**	**1 year**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**$119,482**	**$9,085**	**N/A**	**$128,567**

Company Name	*Body Type*	*Back Type*	*Warranty*	*Truck Price + GST*	*Retarder*	*Back Price + GST*	*Extras*	*Trade In*	*Total Price*
Truck Rear Vision Camera System									**$3,300**

An assessment of the units offered, covered suitability for the city conditions, power rating, torque, performance of the compaction system, road test comments by the professional driving staff, price of the new unit, and the trade-in price offered.

The prices tendered before trade-in, ranged from the lowest at $269,266 (two hundred and sixty nine thousand, two hundred and sixty six dollars) to the highest at $323,106 (three hundred and twenty three thousand, one hundred and six dollars).

The lowest price offered, was the submission by City Hino of a Hino cab and chassis and a “Compaction Systems” compaction unit. Assessment of the unit revealed that the cab chassis was under powered for use in the hillier parts of our city, and the compaction unit was a paddle packing system which has many hydraulic rams to activate the compaction blade which are prone to failure resulting in higher maintenance costs.

The unit that had the best results in all areas of the assessment, was the submission by International Trucks Pty Ltd, which was an Inter Acco cab chassis with a Superior Pak compaction unit. The cost of this unit before trade-in is, $273,215 (two hundred and seventy three thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars).

The waste collection fleet presently consists of Inter Acco cab chassis, and from the experience of the last two vehicles purchased some twelve months ago, the Superior Pak compaction unit, shows excellent performance and reduce maintenance levels when compared to other units in the fleet

Advantages are also gained by having a consistency of proven units in the fleet, as the professional drivers are required to interchange the vehicles that they operate on a frequent basis, and efficiency levels are gained by a driver not having to adjust to different types of equipment
during their working shift.

International Trucks Pty Ltd has offered a tender price of $273,215.00 (two hundred and seventy three thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars) to purchase the new unit, and has offered $45,000 (forty five thousand dollars) trade in on the Inter Acco unit with Garpak compaction unit offered as a trade in. This will make the total price $228,215 (two hundred and twenty eight thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars). Tenderers were also offered the opportunity to submit a trade in price on a surplus rear loading garbage compaction unit on a Hino cab and chassis, in addition to the tendered trade in.

International Trucks Pty Ltd has offered an additional $18,000.00 (eighteen thousand dollars) as a trade in on this unit.

After both trade in prices have been deducted from the purchase price of the new unit, the cost to Council will be $210,215 (two hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars) including GST or $189,193.50 (one hundred and eighty nine thousand, one hundred and ninety three dollars and fifteen cents) after tax credits are returned.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council accepts the tendered price of $210,215 (two hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and fifteen dollars), including GST from International Trucks Pty Ltd, after both trade-in prices have been deducted from the purchase price.

2. The information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 256 **Local Government Association Annual Conference**

FILE NUMBER: GL040/005 Pt.6/GMA/ORH08NCX.G01

REPORT:

The Association's Annual Conference will be held this year from 11 - 15 November, 2000 at Gosford. The Conference is the vehicle at which policy of the Association is debated and determined, as well as the election of the Executive. A number of speakers will address the Conference this year, including the Deputy Premier, the Hon. Andrew Refshauge; Minister for Roads, the Hon. Carl Skully; Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Harry Woods; Federal Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Senator Ian Macdonald; Adam Graycar from the Institute of Criminology, and Terry Metherell, Executive Director of Life Education Australia.

In the matter of the election of Office Bearers and Executive Councillors, nominations were invited on Friday, 21 July and close on Friday, 1 September 2000 with draw for positions on the ballot paper, 2.00pm Monday, 6 November 2000. The ballot for President, Treasurer and Vice President will be held on Monday, 13 November, and for the Executive Committee members on Tuesday, 14 November 2000.

Motions to be placed before the Conference should seek to alter existing policy, add new elements to the policy, or to delete elements of the policy. Motions seeking to vary existing policy or to address new or emerging policy issues, will be classified as Category 1 and scheduled for debate at the Conference.

To guide this process a copy of the Association's current policy statements is held and can be made available to any member upon request.

Motions reaffirming existing policy or calling for action to be taken within existing policy will be classified as Category 2. Motions in Category 2 will be included in the Conference business paper and may be individually brought forward to be debated with the agreement of the Conference, otherwise they will be referred to the Executive of the Association for consideration. Where appropriate some may even be actioned before the Conference.

Councils need to submit their motions with supporting documentation by 5.00pm on Friday, 25 August 2000.

The Conference will commence at 2.00pm on Saturday, 11 November with a discussion on drugs in the community and continue until 12.30pm on Wednesday, 15 November 2000.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 257 **Reports requested by Council - Status as at 8 August, 2000**

FILE NUMBER: GC280/005 PT03/CSV/ORH08NCX.C04

REPORT:

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 DUAP regarding the Government's position.
11/4/2000	Draft DCP DED	Report on a draft development control plan for the distribution of medium density, dual occupancy and cluster housing in the residential areas of the City.	Residential Character DCP resolution now supersedes this.
23/5/2000	Environmental Auditing Program DED	Report outlining the possibility of implementing an Environmental Auditing Program within the Hawkesbury.	Awaiting confirmation of a Grant from EPA to implement this program.
13/6/2000	City Gateway DAS&R	Report outlining the possibility of providing gateways at the entrances to the City and possibilities of this being open to a community competiton.	Report to be prepared.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 258 **Planning Studies**

FILE NUMBER: GE020/029PT05/EVD/ORH08NCX.V14

REPORT:

Council at its meeting on 13 June 2000 resolved to call for a report on the planning studies currently being undertaken by the Environment and Development Division.

The planning studies are divided into those contained within the Council's Management Plan, amendments to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989, development control plans and other studies.

Report Name	Status	Issue	Next Stage
***Planning Studies*:** Hawkesbury Sustainable Agricultural Development Strategy (HSADS) (known as Amendment No.108 - Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan)	• Awaiting Section 65 Certificate (this was applied for in October) to allow the draft plan to proceed to exhibition • this may be received in September	• Department of Planning require changes to the maps and the Draft LEP	• Public Exhibition
Urban Release Strategy	• Council resolved to prepare new LEPs. • Consultation with public authorities taking place. No response yet from Department of Planning	• Consistency with the Urban Development Program (UDP)	• Obtain all public authorities' requirements • Prepare local environmental study.
Grose Wold LEP	• Gazetted		

Report Name	Status	Issue	Next Stage
Residential Character DCP	• Council resolution to complete by December 2000	• Relationship with general DCP	• Determination of issues • Preparation of Draft DCP
Review Hawkesbury LEP 1989	• No work to date - awaiting the gazettal of Amendment No.110 (Exempt and Complying LEP)	• Readability and functionality of the current LEP	• Preparation of issues paper for Council's discussion
Heritage Study	• Brief accepted	• Engaging appropriate consultants	• Obtaining quotes and acceptance of quotations.
General Development Control Plan	• Draft received from consultants	• Readability, functionality and relevance - particularly to control of medium density housing	• Council briefing • public exhibition
Amendments to Local Environmental 1989 Amendment 95 - Archaeological Management	• Section 65 rejected	• Drafting of LEP	• Report to Council on a revised version
Amendment 102- Peel Parade Golf Course	• Has been exhibited	• Submissions received	• Report to council
Amendment 108 - (HSADS) [See above for comments]			
Amendment No.110 - Exempt and Complying Development	• Report prepared for the Minister's office	• Relationship with Rural industries	• Awaiting gazettal

Report Name	Status	Issue	Next Stage
Amendment No.112 - Rezoning of 6(a) land at Glossodia	• Has been exhibited	• Changes to be made by Parliamentary Counsel	• Gazettal
Amendment No.115 - Rezoning of Nos.6-10 Macquarie Street to business zone	• Awaiting report from Consultants	• Impact on entry to town • Use of flood liable land and the car yard • Impact on heritage items	• Preparation of Draft LEP • Public exhibition
Amendment No.119 - Terrace Road, North Richmond - allow rural/residential subdivision	• Section 65 Certificate received	• EPA has problems with the effluent disposal process	• Public exhibition
Amendment No.120 - Reclassification of Peat Place, Lower Portland	• Awaiting Section 65 Certificate	• Sale of public land	• Public exhibition
Amendment No.121 Amendment to Clause 13 - boundary adjustment	• Awaiting Section 65 Certificate	• None that can be determined	• Public exhibition
Amendment No.122 Delete Clause 42 re development on land in Macquarie Street, Windsor	• Exhibited		• Report to next General Purposes Committee
Amendment No.123 - Urban Investigation areas (see comments above)			
***Development Control Plans*:** Rural Shed	• Draft being finalised	• Size of rural sheds and their location	• Public exhibition
Exempt and Complying	• Awaiting gazettal of Amendment No.110		• Will be used when Amendment No.110 is gazetted.

Report Name	Status	Issue	Next Stage
Effluent Disposal	• Has been exhibited	• Lack of clarity in terms of performance measures to be achieved	• Review by consultant and re-exhibited
***Other Projects*:** Rezoning of Mileham and Braham Streets, Windsor	 • Next year's work program		

There are several other submissions before Council or have been received seeking amendments to the Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan.

These are:

- land at Chapel Street, Richmond
- the proposal by McDonalds and Liberty to construct a facility at Bligh Park
- suggested amendments to the land at the Driftway to accommodate the pre-treatment plant
- suggested amendments associated with the development application for the supermarket complex in Windsor.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Heritage Advisory Committee - 8 June 2000

Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on Thursday 8 June 2000, commencing at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillor D Finch, Mr M Hatherly, Prof I Jack, Mr D Bradshaw, Mr P Pleffer.

1. APOLOGIES Mr E Karhunen, Mrs J Barkley Jack, Ms J Somerville, Mr M Ryan, Dr L Sullivan, Mrs D Campbell, Mr G Edds, Mr B Flakelar, Mr S Doggett

Insufficient members of the Committee were present to form a quorum therefore a sub-committee of the Committee was formed. The minutes of this sub-committee are to be tabled at the next Committee meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2000 were adopted.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Windsor Mall Reconstruction

The sub-committee resolved to request Council appoint a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee on the relevant working party/committee for the Windsor Mall Reconstruction.

3.2 Thompson Square Alfresco Dining Area

The sub-committee requested clarification on whether or not a heritage consultant/architect had been engaged by Council. Advice to be provided at next Committee meeting.

3.3 34 Inalls Lane, Richmond

Philip Pleffer advised that a development application seeking approval to formalise the unauthorised landfill had been lodged with Council on 2 June 2000.

The sub-committee expressed surprise that a further extension of time to lodge the application was granted when 26 May 2000 was supposed to be the final deadline. The sub-committee reiterated the Committee's previous recommendation that appropriate legal action be taken to have the fill and any other unauthorised structures removed.

Clarification: The application was received by Council on Monday 29 May 2000 and was incorrectly entered into Council's information system as being received on 2 June 2000.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Re-opening of Wilberforce School of Arts, Wilberforce

The Committee has received an invitation to attend the re-opening of the Wilberforce School of Arts on 1 July 2000.

4.2 Request to join Committee

The Committee has received a request from Ms Michelle Nicols of Richmond to join the Committee. The sub-committee accepted Ms Nicols request.

5. INTERIM HERITAGE ORDERS

The sub-committee was advised that no Council's have received authorisation from the Minister to make an interim heritage order. Such authorisation will be contingent on a Council meeting certain requirements. These requirements are being developed by the NSW Heritage Office.

Philip Pleffer advised that assessing heritage significance and a development's impact on such significance was a matter for consideration under Section 79(c) of the EP & A Act 1979. Whilst this is a matter for all applications, regardless of whether or not a property is listed as a heritage item in an environment planning instrument, recent Land and Environment Court decisions have indicated that if a property is not listed as a heritage item it does not enjoy as much protection from demolition as a listed property.

6. WILBERFORCE CEMETERY

The sub-committee was advised that Council made budgetary allocations for maintenance of cemetery grounds. The responsibility for the maintenance of individual monuments rested with the individual families.

The sub-committee resolved to request Council investigate increasing the maintenance budget for cemeteries to provide for the repair of occasional acts of vandalism.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Meeting time of Committee

To be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

7.2 Spirit of the Hawkesbury Community Arts Project

Max Hatherly advised that he had recently attended of meeting of the steering committee for this project.

7.3 Mulgrave Station, Mulgrave

Philip Pleffer advised that a station building on Mulgrave Station had been demolished by City Rail on 18 and 19 May 2000.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday 13 July June 2000.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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Hawkesbury Sports Council - 16 June 2000

The meeting was declared open at 7.30 pm

Present: D. Bertenshaw, D. Thomas-Insch, J. Peare, S. Lowe, J. Scott, C. Eilbeck, S. Broadbent.

Also Present: D. Tait (Staff), R. Morphett (Staff), G. Banting (HCC)

Apologies: Clr. L. Sheather.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Resolved by S. Lowe seconded by D. Thomas-Insch
That the minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true record.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Cleaning Cost:	Refer HCC report.
Colbee DA:	Refer HCC report.
Colonial DA:	Ongoing, further information requested & provided.

Finance:
Clr. Sheather has declared an interest in cheque no. 102141
Resolved by J. Scott seconded by J. Peare
That the finance report be accepted.

Correspondence:
Resolved by S. Lowe seconded by C. Eilbeck
That the correspondence items 15935 to 16036 be received as per detailed breakdown provided at the meeting and available on request.

Correspondence Items Discussed:

15986 Hawkesbury Vaulting Club - sponsorship request
Resolved by J. Peare seconded by J. Scott
That the request does not meet our sponsorship criteria and the application should be referred to Hawkesbury City Council.

15997 HCC - Citizen of the Month - nominations requested
Received

16007 HARFC - ground fee reduction request
Resolved by C. Eilbeck seconded by S. Broadbent
That the request be denied with regret.

16011 Luke Taylor - thank you
Received

16018 NSW Sport & Recreation - Annual report
Received

Late Item:
Thank you card from Rosslyn Eilbeck for flowers received.

HCC Report:

Woodlands Upgrade:	Approved in Building Imrpovements, commencement date to be provided by HCC.
Icely Upgrade:	Approved in Section 94, commencement date to be provided by HCC.
Kemsley Toilets:	Commencement date to be provided by HCC.
Mileham reimbursement:	Request for half cost of plans is denied, HCNA's responsibility. Request for tree root barrier is denied, HCNA's responsibility.
Brinsley Tower:	Income from Vodaphone belongs to HCC.
Administrators Contract:	Requested information provided to meeting.
Colonial Drainage:	Pipes identified - no funds available for HCC to proceed per C. Daley.
Cleaning Cost:	C. Daley to provide information to July meeting.
Motor Vehicle:	Quotes not provided to Sports Council, can be purchased after July 1st, 2000.
Colonial DA:	Outstanding. Resolved by C. Eilbeck seconded by J. Peare ***That a letter be forwarded to Windsor Rugby League Club detailing the current position of the DA.***
Colbee Funds:	Available funds $200,000 from sale of Rifle Range Road land and $95,000 from Section 94.
Contract Supervision:	Resolved by C. Eilbeck seconded by S. Lowe ***That the Sports Council use project managers if necessary to get outstanding works completed.***
Cloudmaster Access:	HCC will grant us access to the cloudmaster system.
McMahons Park:	Representation has been made to HCC regarding the upgrade and possible extension of McMahons Park. Colo Soccer have been advised that Council has resolved that all funding for sport must go through the Sports Council.

Resolved by D. Thomas-Insch seconded by S. Lowe
That the report be received and a meeting be arranged with HCC to discuss outstanding matters.

Office Report:
Roz Morris joined us on Monday 5th June and will be in the office from 9 am to 1 pm weekdays.

Section 94:
Draft summary enclosed for your information, finalised program to be provided when available.

Zone Management Strategies:
As this report was requested yesterday and required by Mon or Tues next week (when the administrator will be on holidays), a draft copy has been forwarded to Council. The main concern with these reports are that they are apparently totally binding and any alterations will require public consultation. For this reason and several others, this has been marked as a "draft only" until time permits further investigation.

Resolved by S. Lowe seconded by C. Eilbeck
That HCC be advised that considering how long we have been waiting for information, in some cases years, this request and the timeframe given is unacceptable as insufficient time was given for the "draft" to be presented to and approved by the Management Committee.

Vandalism:
Some mindless moron smashed up the new shelter at Breakaways 2 resulting in major structural damage. A work order for the repairs has been issued and as this is over $500 it will come under Council's insurance.

Greg & Lorraine:
Have finally left the district and are settling into their new farm (although not too happy about the snow). Greg sends his regards to all the committee and will call in when he can to say hello.

Get Well:
Rosslyn Eilbeck is home from hospital after having two knee replacements done, flowers have been sent on
behalf of the Sports Council.

Holidays:
Reminder that the administrator will be away next week in Melbourne and will return on Monday 26th June.

GST:
All structures are in place and we have obtained our ABN.

General Business:

Grounds Sub-Committee: Resolved by D. Thomas-Insch seconded by J. Scott
That the Administrator prepare an inspection program and relevant information for the sub-committee.

Delegates Meeting: To be held on Friday 28th July at 7 pm, Western Sydney Academy of Sport to do presentations at meeting.

Icely Park: Resolved by D. Thomas-Insch seconded by S. Lowe
That due to it being a major safety issue, the replacement of the power pole at Icely Park costing approx $7,300 proceed.

Meeting closed 10.30 pm

Next meeting date Friday 14th July, 2000

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Local Traffic Committee - 21 July 2000

Present: Councillor P Davies (Chairman)
Senior Constable G Gibbs, NSW Police Service
Mr D Horne, Roads & Traffic Authority

Apologies: The Hon K Rozzoli, MP
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 16 June, 2000 were confirmed.

2 Correspondence

2.1 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond -- Reduction of Speed Limit -- St John of God Health Services 722/R Pt 07

Expressing concern at the speed of vehicles on Grose Vale Road at the entrance to St John of God Hospital, 177 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond and requesting reduction of the speed limit on Grose Vale Road from 80km/h to 60km/h in the vicinity of the Hospital entrance.

Recommendation

That this matter be referred to the Roads & Traffic Authority for investigation.

2.2 Rifle Range Road, South Windsor -- Traffic Conditions -- Mrs K Nolan 1833/R Pt 04

Seeking installation of an additional pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of No 37 Rifle Range Road, South Windsor as school children approaching from east of Collith Avenue are not proceeding to the existing pedestrian crossing at Bede Polding College, particularly those children using Collith Avenue and who are more likely to be primary students attending Chisholm Catholic Primary School.

Report

(1) Under "Guidelines for Traffic Facilities", Roads &Traffic Authority, a reduced warrant for a marked pedestrian crossing for school children is established if in two periods of one hour duration immediately before and after School hours, pedestrian flow (P) is equal to, or greater, than 30 and vehicle flow (V) is equal to, or greater than, 200.

Counts were undertaken on Wednesday, 19 July, 2000 with the following results:

Time	Pedestrian	Vehicle	PV
8.00am - 9.00am	227	638	144,726
2.20pm - 3.35pm	251	710	178,210
3.20pm - 4.20pm	5	374	1870

(2) Representations confirmed by a local resident during the course of an inspection undertaken on 11 October, 2000 who also advised of a number of children traversing the northern side of Rifle Range Road from residential development on that side of Rifle Range Road east of Colonial Drive;

(3) Adjoining the western side of No 37 is a pathway leading to internal residential lots within the estate; an elecric light pole is situated at this pathway which extends to the kerb & gutter line and constitutes an invitation to cross Rifle Range Road at that point;

(4) Approximately twenty (20) metres east of the pathway is 40/50km/h gateway treatment to the School Zone associated with Bede Polding College;

(5) The pedestrian crossing serving Bede Polding College is approximately 200 metres west of the pathway adjacent to No 37; it is unlikely that children will traverse approximately 350 - 400 metres to access Collith Avenue;

(6) Three options present, namely:

(a) no works be undertaken but that an intensive education programme be undertaken by the Road Safety Officer at both Bede Polding College and Chisholm Catholic Primary School; it is felt that this option would have little lasting benefit in relation to this specific location and would need to be carried out at least annually, if not each school term;

(b) that a raised pedestrian crossing be installed on Rifle Range Road at the pathway adjacent to No 37 and including the following works:

(1) relocation of the 40/50km/h gateway treatment to the eastern edge of the proposed crossing;

(2) instal kerb blisters and associated linemarking/signage;

(3) adjustment of drainage pit;

(4) grade/level the nature strip on the northern side of Rifle Range Road between Collith Avenue and Colonial Drive;

(5) grade/level the nature strip on the eastern side of Collith Avenue

Estimated cost, subject to design parameters, is $25000 which has not been specifically provided within the current Works Programme.

(c) that a pedestrian crossing be installed on Rifle Range Road at the pathway adjacent to No 37 and including works listed at (6)(b) (1) - (5) above.

Estimated cost, subject to design parameters, is $15000 which has not been specifically provided within the current Works Programme.

(7) Following a site inspection this date, the Roads & Traffic Authority recommended that the proposed pedestrian crossing be relocated in a westerly direction to the boundary of No 31 and No 33 Rifle Range Road due to slight crest and to make the crossing more visible to motorists approaching from the west.

Recommendation

(1) That a pedestrian crossing be installed on Rifle Range Road at the boundary of No31 and No 33 and incorporating the following works be listed for consideration in the 2001- 2002 Works Programme:

(a) grade and level the nature strips on the northern side of Rifle Range Road between Colonial Drive and Collith Avenue and the eastern side of Collith Avenue; and,

(b) that kerb and gutter be installed on the northern side of Rifle Range Road across the frontage of the pedestrian crossing and be continued around into Collith Avenue; and,

(2) Upon installation of the pedestrian crossing, this location be monitored for additional works that may be required.

2.3 Grose Vale Road, Kurrajong - Traffic Conditions - Dr J Bain 722/R Pt 07

Advising of traffic conflict on Grose Vale Road, Kurrajong at Kurrajong Public School and No 1117 following rearrangement of parking and bus zones adjacent to those properties and principally relating to:

(1) near accidents due to motorists undertaking "U-Turns" to access/depart parking zones adjacent to the School; and,

(2) failure of motorists departing parking areas to give way to Dr Bain upon exiting his driveway and seeking installation of "Give Way" regulatory signage on the eastern end of the island outside of the School.

Report

(1) Whilst barrier line exists across the frontage of both the School and No 1117, gaps exist at the driveways to both properties; it is permissible for motorists to perform "U-Turns" at these gaps in the barrier lines;

(2) Closing these gaps with additional barrier line would require parents accessing the School to undertake longer journeys to perform turning manoeuvres;

(3) Plan No 722-61 reveals that the parallel parking bay between the island and the School is partially private property and partially public road which raises issues of enforcement in relation to any regulatory signage which may be installed on the eastern end of the island - the Roads & Traffic Authority and the NSW Police Service have been requested to provide advice on this aspect at the meeting;

(4) A site inspection was carried out on this date, in company with Dr J Bain and Mr B Fairhall, Principal, Kurrajong Public School

Recommendation

That a "Stop" sign be erected governing east bound traffic exiting the parking bays between the island and Kurrajong Public School and "Stop"/solid holding line pavement marking be installed on the eastern end of those parking bays.

2.4 Bus Routes - Various Locations - Westbus Pty Ltd GT240/003 Pt 03

Following review of operations, seeking approval to the following alterations or establishment of bus routes:

(1) Yarramundi - one morning and afternoon peak general service and school bus service traversing Springwood Road, right into Rivatts Drive, left into Shearwater Crescent, right into Kestrel Way, right into Shearwater Crescent, left into Rivatts Drive thence left into Springwood Road.

Report

The estate is relatively recent and roads are in good repair; an acceleration lane is provided on Springwood Road on turning left from Rivatts Drive and this should provide sufficient swing room for a bus without encroaching into the travelling lane on Springwood Road.

The proposed route appears to offer a reasonable service given the existing development of the estate.

(2) Alteration of the Kurrajong/Grose Vale/Bowen Mountain bus service to incorporate Greggs and Redbank Roads

Report

Due to extended service times incurred between Kurrajong and Bowen Mountain, the firm proposes to split this route as follows:

(a) Kurrajong - Bells Line of Road from North Richmond, left into Redbank/Greggs Roads, right into Grose Vale Road/Old Bells line of Road, right into Bells Line of Road thence return to North Richmond; and,

(b) Bowen Mountain - Bells Line of Road from North Richmond, left into Redbank/Greggs Roads, left into Grose Vale following existing route to Bowen Mountain and return to North Richmond via Grose Vale Road

Report

An on-site trial conducted on this date revealed adequate turning capacity.

(3) Inclusion of Harpur Crescent, South Windsor as part of the School bus route serving both Chisholm Catholic Primary School and Bede Polding College, to enable students to alight on the School side at each School

Report

The intersection of Harpur Crescent and Collith Avenue provides a tight turning manoeuvre and would require installation of “No Stopping” signage on the southern side of Harpur Crescent at its intersection with Collith Avenue.

An on-site trial conducted on this date revealed adequate turning capacity.

Recommendation

That the applications by Westbus Pty Ltd be approved, subject to:

(1) Westbus Pty Ltd obtaining approval from the Department of Transport; and,

(2) Installation of "No Stopping" regulatory signage on the southern side of Harpur Crescent over a distance of ten (10) metres measured from Collith Avenue.

3 Reports

3.1 Richmond Commercial Centre -- Temporary Road Closures -- Hawkesbury Carnivale Committee GE030/002 Pt 03

The Hawkesbury Carnivale Committee is organising a street parade and other events to celebrate Carnivale in Richmond on Saturday, 2 September, 2000 and seeks the following temporary road closures:

(1) Windsor Street, Richmond between Chapel Street and East Market Street between 10.00 am and Noon;

(2) The area bounded by Chapel, Francis, Windsor Streets and Smith Park from 9.30 am - 11.30am and Chapel Street between Windsor Street and March Street.

Recommendation

That the application be approved, subject to the following standard conditions:

(1) the applicant notifying all residences and businesses affected by the proposed road closures;

(2) access being maintained for residents and their visitors;

(3) the applicant obtaining approval from the NSW Police Service and complying with any conditions imposed by the Service; and,

(4) the applicant submitting a Traffic Management Plan in respect of the proposed road closures.

3.2 Moses & Tebbutt Streets, Windsor - Temporary Road Closures - Windsor R&SL Sub-branch 1359/R Pt 02; 2016/R Pt 02; GM020/003 Pt02

Oral advice has been received from the Windsor R&SL Sub-branch seeking temporary closure of Moses and Tebbutt Streets, Windsor and use of Memorial Park, Windsor on Sunday, 15 October, 2000 to conduct a memorial service at the Boer War Memorial located in Memorial Park.

Report

(1) Discussions with the Sub-branch indicate that the same format will be followed as in 1999, namely marshall in McQuade Park in the vicinity of Greenway Crescent, then proceed onto Moses Street and Tebbutt Street to Memorial Park for the memorial service;

(2) Roads will be opened as the parade passes, however, Tebbutt Street between Little Church Street and George Street will remain closed during the course of the memorial service as the mounted troop associated with the service will not be able to enter Memorial Park;

(3) Road closures would be required during the following times:

   (1) Moses and Tebbutt Street between Moses and Little Church Street --- 10.30am - 11.00am; and,

   (2) Tebbutt Street between Little Church Street and George Street --- 11.00am - Noon.

Recommendation

That the application be approved, subject to:

(1) the applicant notifying all affected residences/businesses within the following areas of the proposed road closures:

   (a) Moses Street;
   (b) The Terrace, between Elizabeth Street and Tebbutt Street;
   (c) Tebbutt Street:
   (d) Claremont Street; and
   (e) Greenway Crescent;

(2) Access being maintained for residents and their visitors;

(3) The applicant obtaining approval from the NSW Police Service and complying with any conditions imposed by the Service; and

(4) The applicant submitting a Traffic Management Plan in respect of the proposed road closures.

4 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held at 10.00am, 18 August, 2000.

Meeting terminated at Noon.

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Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee -7 July, 2000.

Present: Councillor L Allan, Chairperson, Councillor P Davies, Council P Rasmussen, Councillor G Gilling, Mr B Bassett, Mr S Benfield and Group Captain C Richards.

Also present: Mr G Banting and Mr C Dalli.

Apologies: Ms J Eagleton, Mr J Fibbens, Mr R Calvert and Mr R Tolson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday June 9, 2000, were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board, i.e. inviting HEDAC to participate in networking opportunities associated with their Olympic Business Program. It being noted that copies of the program have been sent to the major businesses in the area advising them of HEDAC's support for the program and encouraging their participation.

- UWS -Hawkesbury - advising that they have not yet appointed a replacement for Mr Ross Jones and therefore, cannot provide a new representative on HEDAC at this stage.

- The Cabinet Office - New South Wales Government - advising that the Acting Premier has received HEDAC's correspondence concerning Windsor Road and is currently making enquiries and will respond as soon as possible.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Funding for Economic Development**

Council's budget allocations for economic development projects and service delivery for the financial year 2000/2001 were reported, received and noted. It was acknowledged that there is potentially a lot of duplication in marketing and promotion undertaken by the various agencies receiving economic development funding as well as individual tourism and recreational facilities such as Richmond Club and, accordingly, it was decided to determine the level of interest in hosting a forum for the respective organisations. The aim of the forum will be to discuss their marketing and promotional activities with a view to establishing alliances and minimising duplication.

2. **Aerospace Industry Cluster Project**

It was agreed that the Committee and the project partners GROW and the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board will be responsible for overseeing the Aerospace Industry Cluster Project. It was noted that a consultant's brief will be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee, with a view to advertising for a consultant immediately thereafter and it is anticipated that interviews would be held in October, with commencement of the project by about November.

It was also acknowledged that the project should proceed in conjunction with the economic impact study being undertaken by the Department of Defence and, in particular, part two of that project which it looks at opportunities to fill the void if there is a closure or major realignment of Richmond RAAF operations.

3. **Review of Objectives and Priorities of Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee**

Following discussion, the Draft Management Plan for 2000/2001 was formally adopted, it being noted that the plan will now be reformatted in a document which incorporates the Terms of Reference, Mission Statement, Aims and Objectives, as well as the priorities for HEDAC and subsequently referred to Council for its endorsement.

4. **2001 New South Wales Tourism Conference**

It was reported that HEDAC, in conjunction with Council, Tourism Hawkesbury Inc., the Windsor Function Centre and the local Tourism and Hospitality Sector, have submitted a bid to host the 2001 New South Wales Tourism Conference.

It was acknowledged that HEDAC should monitor opportunities to further promote and enhance the bid including, if appropriate, a presence at the 2000 Conference to be held in November. It was pointed out that should the Hawkesbury be short listed as a potential host, then the matter would need to be formally considered by Council as there is a cost involved in hosting the Conference.

5. **Meeting with Director General - Department of State and Regional Development**

The Committee met with Mr Loftus Harris, Director General - Department of State & Regional Development, Mr Michael Cullen - Executive Director - State & Regional Development and Ms Julie Scott, Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board.

Discussions centred around issues of concern and opportunities for the Hawkesbury area including:-

- Water Reforms
- Agriculture/Horticulture Industry issues
- Aerospace Industry Project
- Windsor Road/Transport Infrastructure
- Tourism Opportunities

Following the discussions, a familiarisation tour of the area which included a visit to Elf Mushrooms at Vineyard, drive by visits through the Mulgrave industrial area, agricultural/ horticultural production areas and through the commercial centres of Windsor, Richmond and North

Richmond took place. Following that, an inspection of Richmond RAAF facilities was undertaken including a visit to the corrosion control facility operated by Air New Zealand, the operations of Celsius - Hawker Pacific and a general base tour.

6. **Business for the August Meeting**

It was noted that the Director of Environment and Development, Mr Malcolm Ryan is to be invited to the August Meeting to brief the Committee on transport infrastructure issues and supply of industrial land within the area. Additionally, a presentation on Community Title Land will also be made.

It was acknowledged that due to these presentations, the agenda would be restricted to these items plus consideration of the consultant's brief for the Aerospace Industry Project and any other urgent matters.

7. **Water Reforms Legislation**

It was reported that the White Paper on the New South Wales Government's Water Reform Program, is now in legislative form and before the State Parliament.

It was acknowledged that the Legislation will impact on our local agriculture/horticulture industries, particularly through reduced allocations of Water and the series of Impact Statements required for any change of crops. Also, the appeal provisions appear limited. Subsequently, it was resolved that approaches be made to the Government via the Local Member and through appropriate opposition representatives, once again raising the Hawkesbury's concerns and requesting an Economic Impact Statement be delivered in respect of the Reforms. The support of the local farming interests is also to be coerced, providing actual evidence of businesses which are going to be negatively impacted by the proposed Reforms.

8. **Department of Defence - Economic Impact Study**

The member for Macquarie, Mr Kerry Bartlett, reported that a briefing had been held in Canberra recently, in respect of the project to look at the economic impact of a closure or major realignment of RAAF operations at Richmond.

It was noted that a copy of the final brief maybe made available in due course and that he has requested the brief not be prepared on the assumption that there will definitely be a closure or realignment of the Base.

9. **Tourism Training for Councillors**

Material was tabled on the Tourism Training for Councillors Program developed by the Local Government and Shires Association, in conjunction with Tourism New South Wales.

The Committee resolved to provide its support for Council to participate in the program and it was noted that Tourism Hawkesbury Inc., and the Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce have also been approached to indicate their level of interest in the Program.

10. **Defence Strategic Review**

It was reported that Mr Andrew Peacock has been appointed to Chair a review of Defence Strategies including levels of expenditure, operational and locational issues. A White Paper titled "Defence Review 2000 - Our Future Defence Force" has been released for public consultation. The member for Macquarie, Mr Kerry Bartlett, also noted that the Review Committee is seeking community input and he has asked for a briefing to be held in the Hawkesbury area. The Committee resolved to provide further support to this approach by formally requesting that a briefing be held in the Hawkesbury.

11. **Community Economic Development Conference**

It was reported that the hosting of the Department of State and Regional Development's Annual Community Economic Development Conference in the Hawkesbury would be a major boost for our tourism and hospitality industries as well as increasing the profile of the area. Accordingly, it was decided to investigate pursuing a bid for hosting the 2001 Conference.

NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.30am followed by the visit and familiarisation tour with the Department of State and Regional Development representatives which concluded at 2.15pm. The next meeting of Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee will be held on Friday 11th August, 2000.

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Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection - 7 July 2000

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Hawkesbury's Healthy City - 13 July 2000

" Growing Shared Solutions to a Healthy Hawkesbury Community ?
a collaborative project between
Hawkesbury City Council,
the NSW Cancer Council,
Hawkesbury Division of General Practitioners,
University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury &
Hawkesbury District Health Services Ltd.

MINUTES

Notes of Hawkesbury's Healthy City- Steering Committee Meeting 13/07/00 held at the Hawkesbury City Council, Records Meeting Room, commenced at 9.00am.

Present: Dr Rex Stubbs - Mayor Hawkesbury City Council
Esther Anderson - Hawkesbury City Council
Garry Baldry - Hawkesbury City Council
Katrina Denning - Hawkesbury District Health Service
Janet Hogge - Hawkesbury City Council
Sarah Morton - community representative
Joseph Litwin - Hawkesbury City Council

Apologies: Prof John Macdonald - UWS Hawkesbury
Darren Carr - Cancer Council
Adriana Genova - Hawkesbury City Council
Fionna Rosso - Hawkesbury Division of GP's
Brent Powis - WHO Collaborating Centre

1. Matters Arising From The Previous Minutes

- Minutes of previous meeting adopted.

2. Hawkesbury Social Planning Strategy - Presentation by Joseph Litwin

Joseph Litwin circulated an outline of the Hawkesbury Social Planning Strategy (copies attached to the minutes for those not in attendance). The broad aims of this strategy relate to: opportunities for communication with the community; influencing decision making with regard to equitable distribution of economic resources and services; and accountability to the community by increasing the community’s ability to monitor efforts to improve ‘quality of life’.

This strategy is considered an ongoing process, rather than just another document that sits on the shelf. A comprehensive demographic profile including results of consultations and a household survey is almost complete.

Discussion relating the Hawkesbury Social Planning Strategy to the Healthy City philosophy (encompassing economic, environmental and social impacts on health) suggests that they complement each other, with many areas that would benefit from a collaborative approach.

For further discussion at next meeting.

3. Australia Pacific Healthy Cities Conference - Canberra

Garry Baldry and Katrina Denning reported that this conference was extremely worthwhile attending, both having gained large amounts of information to bring back to the Hawkesbury project. There were reports from the three main funded healthy cities projects in Australia - Noarlunga, Illawarra and Canberra, as well as those taking the collaborative ‘battler’s approach’ like us at Hawkesbury. Working within a Social Planning context seemed to come through as an emerging theme for the conference.

A full report on the conference will be prepared by next meeting.

4. Road Safety Report

Youth Transport Scheme - still moving approximately 70-80 young people around the Hawkesbury on Friday and Saturday nights. Department of Transport are currently investigating shifting funding across to Community Transport who would then be responsible for the day-to-day management of the bus.

Safer Celebrations - for the first year, all high schools in the Hawkesbury are involved in the project. The second prize winner’s entry from last year has been made into a phone card to distribute during the "Travelling Roadshow" phase of the project. Janet has been increasing the awareness of the project with other Road Safety Officers with a view to them taking on the concept in their areas.

Lead By Example - a collaborative project between Hawkesbury, Penrith, Blue Mountains, Blacktown and Parramatta City Councils, was launched in May. All primary schools in the Hawkesbury have received information packages for the project. The next phase is applying "chicken feet" and "people feet" stickers to the crossings outside of schools.

FARM Project - a series of signs warning of the dangers driving on rural roads, have been erected on Bells Line of Road and Wilberforce Road. Over the Easter weekend, police reported that there were no fatalities on Bells Line of Road, a great result for a notorious stretch of road.

5. Partnership Agreement

Esther Anderson and Katrina Denning prepared a written certificate outlining the aims of the partnership agreement, to be signed and presented to each of the participating organisations. Comments by committee to be added to this certificate, and circulated again prior to printing. suggestions for the signing day location include: lookout on Bells Line of Road.

6. Public Transport Week

The week's activities received good media coverage locally. Certificates were handed out to commuters at train stations (see previous minutes), as well as a flyer promoting the raffle (commuters send in train or bus tickets). Approx. 100 people entered the raffle. Comments that were received by commuters on reliability and the number of services to Hawkesbury (or lack thereof) were forwarded onto State Rail.

7. Hawkesbury Harvests - Farmgate Trail

Initiated through the Hawkesbury Food Program, this idea of producing a farmgate trail in the Hawkesbury is progressing well. The idea has expanded to include other local producers as well as fresh food growers, such as antique shops, herb growers, jams and pickles, chesses, wines and B&B's. A dynamic group of farmers, B&B's and other local producers are meeting regularly to work on an action plan which includes, mapping local farms etc, recruiting farms etc to become involved, working on a marketing strategy an applying for funding.

Hawkesbury City Council are looking at plans to make this a feasible project.

8. Food Co-op Meeting

Sarah Morton has been meeting with a group in Windsor involved in setting up a food co-op. Currently, the co-op is functioning on an ordering basis. Sarah will continue to liaise with this group and advise of collaborative opportunities between this co-op and other co-ops being established including those from the Hawkesbury Food Program.

9. General Business

- <u>WAHS Local Government Forum</u>
  Katrina Denning flagged that this forum may be postponed. Katrina Denning will notify speakers and invitees if Wentworth Area Health Service decides not to hold the forum on this day. At the moment Hawkesbury has good representation from both local government and the health service, however, other areas were finding attendance difficult.

- <u>Healthy Cities Newsletter</u>
  Next newsletter is almost complete - will be ready for distribution by next meeting.

- <u>Healthy Cities Awards</u>
  Winners for March and May have been decided and Esther Anderson is looking at nominations to go forward for an April winner. More nominations are needed urgently for June. It was suggested that the Healthy Cities Awards initiative should be advertised through the Council newsletter also.

Next Healthy Cities Meeting: 10th August 2000
Hawkesbury City Council
Meeting Room (upstairs next to the Chambers)
9.00am-11.00am

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Heritage Advisory Committee - 13 July 2000

Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee held on Thursday 13 July 2000 commencing at 6.10pm.

PRESENT: Councillor D Finch, Mr M Hatherly, Professor I Jack, Mr D Bradshaw, Mrs J Barkley-Jack, Dr L Sullivan, Mr R Montgomery, Mr G Hall.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr G Edds, Mr M Ryan, Mr P Pleffer.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 June 2000 were moved by Ian Jack and seconded by Max Hatherly.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Windsor Mall Reconstruction

Dr L Sullivan to represent the Heritage Advisory Committee on the relevant working party/committee.

3.2 Thompson Square Alfresco dining Area

Robert Pont and Graham Hughes (Local Architects) have been appointed by council for this matter.

3.3 34 Inalls Lane, Richmond

The committee advised of the current status of the Development Application which is being assessed.

- Max Hatherly advised of an EPA letter raising concern to the fill placed on the site.

- The committee raised concern with the time frame taken to resolve the matter and the action taken. Rob Montgomery advised that Council must follow a set procedure to commence legal action for the unauthorised fill.

  The merits of the current application must be considered. Ian Jack put forward a motion in respect to this matter.

  That:

1. The DA received on 29 May 2000 be determined as expedientially as possible by the Council.
2. The Council take into account that "Mountain View" is the oldest and one of the most critically significant buildings in the city and that its surroundings are a matter of the great concern to the Heritage Council of NSW and the Hawkesbury Heritage Advisory Committee.
3. Should the development application be refused then Council proceed at once to order the removal of all unauthorised works.
4. The committee recommends that the DA be refused.

The motion was seconded by Max Hatherly and adopted.

3.4 Wilberforce School of Arts

Some committee members attended the opening and disappointment was expressed with the external paint colour selected.

3.5 Interim Heritage Orders

No further update.

3.6 Wilberforce Cemetery

The matter was discussed and no action had occurred on the maintenance of Wilberforce Cemetery. The Council's budget is spread over all the cemeteries. Discussions took place over some options on the maintenance of cemeteries:

1. Funds should focus on one rather than all the cemeteries.
2. Involving the community and individuals to help maintain the cemetery.

Dennis Bradshaw recommended that council take a greater interest in the Wilberforce Cemetery and request that Ann-Maree Lodge be invited to address the committee and look at other options to maintain the cemetery.

3.7 Meeting Time of Committee

Agreed to begin meetings at 6.00pm.

3.8 Mulgrave Station

Report prepared and presented to last Council Meeting on the matter. Committee members considered the building that was demolished was in a bad state of repair and dangerous. Rob Montgomery advised the Committee that the railways had carried out a thorough assessment and recording of the building.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Letter of Resignation from Ellis Hauhunen.

The committee accept the resignation and a letter of thanks be sent for their contribution to the Committee.

4.2 Letter from Deborah Hallam Requesting to Join the Committee.

Motion put forward by Dennis Bradshaw that Deborah Hallam be invited to join the committee, seconded by Ian Jack.

5. DEMOLITION, RESITING OR REMOVAL OF HERITAGE ITEMS

A copy of the resolution of the Council (13 June 2000) regarding Heritage Items was provided to the committee members.

The Council referred the matter to the Heritage Advisory Committee for comment, which will be reported back to Council. The motion was discussed and noted that the policy would have no statutory force as it is not in a Local Environment Plan and it would be unlikely the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning would support such an amendment. It was considered that a policy statement on the matter by Council may be a better solution.

The committee endorsed the spirit of the motion but considered the wording should be slightly amended. Ian Jack suggested the following:

"As a general Council Policy Heritage Listed Items ......"

The committee endorsed the amendment put forward by Ian and also suggested that Council officers add some other wording at the end within the LEP provisions that recognises the other matters that also need to be considered. This motion was moved by Ian Jack and seconded by Lucy Sullivan.

6. COMMITTEE MEETING TIME

This was previously considered by the Committee in Business Arising.

7. GENERAL

7.1 Matters Considered by Heritage Consultant

Lucy Sullivan requested details on the matters considered by council's Heritage Consultant. Phillip to provide an update on the matters considered to the committee.

7.2 43 West market Street

Dennis Bradshaw concerned about demolition being carried out on the building. Rob Montgomery discussed the Council process currently being pursued for the DCP for medium density.

Councillor Connelly joined the meeting and explained his motion in respect to medium density. The issue is being able to balance economic growth/development against maintaining the character of the areas.

Any heritage conservation precincts especially in Windsor need to be considered in the DCP preparation.

7.3 Heritage Advisory Funding

Jan Barkley-Jack raised the matter of funding increase for the advisor. The funding increased to $20,000.

7.4 Richmond Club Development

Dennis Bradshaw raised concern with the proposed development at the Richmond Club involving:

- multi storey car park
- medium density development.

Rob Montgomery advised that no DA had been lodged and only a single car park was approved. Dennis asked that the committee be advised when the DA is lodged. Rob Montgomery suggested that Dennis ask the club to address the committee on the DA and then outline options for the club to consider.

7.5 Designated Signage Areas in Richmond

Max Hatherly raised the matter of designated signage areas in Richmond. Matter to be referred to Chris Daley for an update on the status.

7.6 Heritage Study

Ian Jack asked about the status of the matter and that it needs to be moved quickly. Rob Montgomery advised that specifications were being prepared. The matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

7.7 Heritage Training

Rob Montgomery advised the committee that training of all staff (professional and administrative) had been undertaken by the heritage advisor. The purpose of the training was to better understand the principles of Heritage Items. Some professional staff have indicated a desire to have further training on heritage assessment. The committee applauded the approach and would like to see it continue.

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Heritage Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, 10 August 2000.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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Proposed Library, Museum and Art Gallery Advisory Committee - 30 July 2000

Minutes of meeting held at the Council Chambers
Sunday 30 July, 2000 at 3.00pm

Present:	Mayor, Councillor Rex Stubbs	
	Councillor Lorna Allan	
	Councillor Di Finch	
	Jan Barkley-Jack	- Hawkesbury Museum
	Carol Carruthers	- Hawkesbury Museum
	Tony Hook	- Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection
	Margaret Ginnings	- Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection
	Garry McCully	- Hawkesbury City Council
	Alannah Norman	- Hawkesbury City Council

General Business

1. Site Development Update

Information was provided regarding site and work completed to date (in line with a Conservation Plan). Concept of an integrated community facility was discussed.

Information regarding overall project budget and copies of executive summary of library brief are to be circulated to committee members.

2. Committee Function

It was agreed that members want to come together with the agreed single purpose of helping to create a quality integrated community facility. It was agreed that this aim did not exclude groups from maintaining care, control and management of their respective collections.

A Partnership Agreement is to be drafted to consolidate commitment to this project.

3. Function and Operational Issues

- The General Manager advised that some opportunities may exist for co-operation and use of expertise of the Lewers Gallery, Penrith.

- The need for general/flexible exhibition space at the site was discussed. This is planned for the proposed library building and information is to be forwarded to Committee members.

- A tour of the site is schedule for the next meeting of the group.

4. Consultant Assistance and Funding

Funding of $30,000 has been obtained to assist in the development of the facility. It was agreed that the Committee will assist in development of a brief for this role. All committee members are to suggest appropriate library/museum/art facilities in the region worth of inspection.

5. Support for Project

It was unanimously resolved that:

1. The Committee agrees in principle with the site proceeding as per the prepared site plan (including library, museum and art gallery facilities);

2. A brief be prepared, with one lead consultant and sub-consultants, to guide the initial and subsequent stages of an integrated museum/art/library facility;

3. A partnership agreement will be drafted between key groups on the site.

It was recognised that this site and the opportunities it presents would provide a cultural facility with excellent community benefits and would be worthy of State wide recognition.

Next Meeting

Saturday 26 August, 2000 at 3.00pm, on site.

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