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ITEM: 20 Bridge to Bridge Power Boat Race 6 May 2001**FILE NUMBER:** PK205 Pt7/ENG/IND24LBX.E04

REPORT:

Correspondence has been received from the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club regarding the Bridge to Bridge Power Boat Race on 6 May 2001 and they request:

“We are writing to request officially the waiver or reduction of sole use fees that we normally pay on our BRIDGE TO BRIDGE DAY. As you are no doubt aware this is our 67th annual Bridge to Bridge. We find ourselves having quite some difficulty raising money for the event as times are tough, but also one of the main reasons would have to be the non availability of our club house for this last four months.

We have spoken to counsellors [sic] who are agreeable to the waiver on this one occasion only. We realise that Council does not want to set a precedent, but as you would be aware, we normally would run quite a few fundraising events over the December January period in particular and would be hiring the facility to others for functions over that same time.

This being the year of Federation and the river itself playing a major role in this district we hope that you will see your way clear to agree to this proposal.”

The Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club has been given a rent free period from 1 January 2001 to 31 March 2001 to the value of \$792.33 due to the electrical storm in mid-January which damaged the clubhouse. The club was given exclusive corporate use of Governor Phillip Reserve for their 2000 Bridge to Bridge last year, at a rate of \$1,000 or \$1.00 per person/per day whichever the greater. Council collected \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) in fees for that event. This year the corporate amount would be \$1,100 or \$1.10 per person GST included.

The Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club has advised that the Waterways Authority has particularly requested that the Sackville and Lower Portland Ferries not operate whilst the faster boats are going through that section of the course. Accordingly, the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club is requesting the temporary closure of these two ferry services from 9am until 12.30pm on Sunday 6 May 2001 to conduct the Bridge to Bridge Power Boat Race.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee exercising its delegation as whole of Council:

- 1 The sole use fee applicable to Governor Phillip Park not be waived.
- 2 Suspension of service of those ferries listed below during the times stipulated, subject to scheduled conditions:

Ferry Closures:

Lower Portland Ferry and Sackville Ferry

9.00am-12.30pm

- a) advertising of the proposed suspension of service is to be undertaken at the expense of the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club in newspapers circulating in areas of the services immediately and such notice to be incorporated in the news sections of those newspapers and to be approximately 1/8 page size;
- b) that signs be erected immediately, at the UHPBC's cost, in locations as required by the Director Asset Services and Recreation and at a size indicated by him, on all roads leading to the ferries, as well as on each ferry;
- c) safety precautions as previously established are to be placed at all ferry locations, such to include a boat and crew downstream from each ferry with suitable equipment to indicate to competitors that a ferry may be operating and with communication between that boat and the ferry vessel; such procedures are to be implemented to the satisfaction of the Waterways Authority and Council's Director Asset Services and Recreation; and,
- d) the ferry vessels during the suspension period, will operate at the request of any officer of the NSW Police Service, or in the event of an emergency at the request of any Police, Ambulance or Fire Vehicle Officer.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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