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NSW Agriculture Windsor Office (File No.: P731/520 Pt 01)

Concern has been expressed regarding possible closure of the Windsor Office of NSW Agriculture.

I raised the matter at the Hawkesbury Show 2001 with the Minister for Agriculture, who indicated that there is no intention to close the Windsor Office. This advice has now been confirmed in correspondence.

"In confirmation of last Saturday's conversation at the Hawkesbury Show, let me reiterate again that both the Government and the Director-General of NSW Agriculture have no plans whatsoever to close the Department's Windsor Office.

Quite to the contrary, the NSW Agriculture Windsor Office and its 16 hardworking staff are considered to be fulfilling a vital and outstanding role in providing the Department's advisory and other services to the multi million dollar a year horticultural livestock and other agricultural industries of the Hawkesbury valley and Sydney basin.

The Windsor Office of NSW Agriculture is an essential part of the Department's chain of frontline services for the area linking with its other neighbouring Departmental locations at Richmond, Gosford, Camden and Flemington.

I trust I have now put this issue to rest."

It is recommended that the information be received.

RAAF Base Richmond (File No.: P2343)

The Honourable Brendan Nelson MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, launched the Government Response to "Cadets: The Future Review" on Sunday, 03 June 2001.

During his address, Mr Nelson reaffirmed the Government's commitment that the RAAF will remain at Richmond until at least 2010. The Government has also allocated $2,000,000 (two million dollars) in the 2000-2001 financial year and $5,000,000 (five million dollars) in the 2001-2002 financial year for the upgrading of accommodation at RAAF Base Richmond.

It is recommended that the information be received.

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Councillors D Finch, L Williams and C Paine:

That Council construct a skate board facility in Bligh Park near the Tiningy Centre with the cost and design to be brought back to Council.

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- NEXT MEETING.

Report of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 29 May 2001, commencing at 9.05am.

PRESENT: Councillor R P Stubbs, Mayor and Councillor L Allan, B J Calvert, K F Conolly, P F Davies, D Finch, G J Gilling, C A Paine, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P R Rasmussen.

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

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Finch that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 24 April 2001, be confirmed.

Councillor Rasmussen arrived at the meeting 9.07am
Councillor Calvert left at the meeting 11.00 pm
Councillor Davies left at the meeting 12.10 pm
Councillor Woods left at the meeting 1.30 pm
Councillor Finch left at the meeting 3.10 pm
Councillor Allan left at the meeting 3.10 pm
Councillor Woods returned at the meeting 3.10 pm
Councilor Allan returned at the meeting 3.50 pm
Councillor Allan left at the meeting 4.30 pm
Councillor Allan returned at the meeting 4.50 pm
Councillor Davies returned at the meeting 5.40 pm

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

41: Application for Dual Occupancy and Subdivision - Lot 1 DP396782 No. 119 Mileham Street, South Windsor (M338/01/EVD/ENE29NAX.V16)

Councillor Gilling excluded herself from this debate as her name had been mentioned and the matter was being politicised.

Councillor Paine declared an interest as she is a part owner of the property.

Mr Paul Ryan, owner, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

A. The SEPP No. 1 objection to Clause 12 (1)(a) be supported.

B. The application for dual occupancy and subdivision on Lot 1 DP 396782, No. 119 Mileham Street, South Windsor be approved subject to the following conditions:

General

1. To confirm and clarify the terms of this approval, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved stamped plans (prepared by R E & P A Collis Design numbered 66401 Sheet 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3, 3A of 3 and S/66401 Sheet 1 of 1 dated 23 January 2001) submitted with the application and any supportive documentation, except as otherwise provided by the conditions of this consent.

2. Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979, and the Building Code of Australia.

3. Prior to construction of the approved development it is necessary to obtain a Construction Certificate.

4. The applicant is advised to consult with:

   (a) Sydney Water Corporation Limited
   (b) Integral Energy
   (c) Natural Gas Company
   (d) a local telecommunications carrier

   regarding their requirements for the provision of services to the development and the location of existing services that may be affected by proposed works, either on site or on the adjacent public road(s).

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

6. Consent for the removal of any trees should be obtained from Council's Environment and Development Division under the provisions of the Tree Preservation Order applying to the land.

7. The fence along the laneway is to be decorative and shall not exceed 900mm in height between the Campbell Street boundary and the building setback. The fence along the laneway is to be setback 1 metre from the boundary to provide landscaping.

Prior to Issue of Construction Certificate

The following conditions in this section of the consent must be complied with or addressed prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate relating to the approved development, whether by Council or an appropriately accredited certifier. In many cases the conditions require certain details to be included with or incorporated in the detailed plans and specifications which accompany the Construction Certificate. **The Construction Certificate shall be obtained prior to the commencement of any earth works or building works.**

8. A monetary contribution is to be paid to Council, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, towards the provision of the following public facilities in the locality:

   (a) Open Space and Recreation ($868)
   (b) Community Facilities ($1353)

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

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

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

9. Details of the design of the fence bounding the laneway to be submitted for approval. Landscaping details for the 1m wide area adjoining the laneway and the courtyard section of the fence.

10. Separate practising Structural Engineer's details of all structural concrete and steelwork shall be lodged prior to issue of construction certificate.

11. Payment of a design checking and inspection fee of $660 when submitting Engineering plans for approval. This amount is valid until 30 June 2001. Fees required if an accredited certifier is used will be provided upon request.

12. The submission of engineering designs and calculations covering all works required by this consent.

Prior to Commencement of Works

13. Building work that involves residential building work (within the meaning of the *Home Building Act 1989*) must not be commenced unless the principal certifying authority for the development to which the work relates:

    (a) in the case of work to be done by a licensee under that Act:

        (i) has been informed in writing of the licensee's name and contractor licence number, and

        (ii) is satisfied that the licensee has complied with the requirements of Part 6 of that Act, or

    (b) in the case of work to be done by any other person:

        (i) has been informed in writing of the person's name and owner-builder permit number, or

        (ii) has been given a declaration, signed by the owner of the land, that states that the reasonable market cost of the labour and materials involved in the work is less than the amount prescribed for the purposes of the definition of owner-builder work in Section 29 of that Act

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

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

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

    Each toilet provided:

    (a) must be a standard flushing toilet; and

    (b) must be connected:

        (i) to a public sewer, or

(ii) if connection to a public sewer is not practicable, to an accredited sewage management facility approved by the Council, or

(iii) if connection to a public sewer or an accredited sewage management facility is not practicable, to some other sewage management facility approved by the Council.

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

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

(a) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited; and

(b) showing the name of the person in charge of the work site and a telephone number at which that person may be contacted outside working hours.

This condition does not apply to:

(a) building work carried out inside an existing building; or

(b) building work carried out on premises that are to be occupied continuously (both during and outside working hours) while the work is being carried out.

16. If the work involved in the erection or demolition of a building:

(a) is likely to be dangerous to a person in a public place or adjoining property;

(b) is likely to cause pedestrian or vehicular traffic in a public place to be obstructed or rendered inconvenient; or

(c) involves the enclosure of a public place,

a hoarding or protective barrier must be erected between the work site and the public place. such hoarding or barrier must be designed and erected in accordance with Council's *Local Approvals Policy* and WorkCover requirements/guidelines.

If necessary, an awning is to be erected, sufficient to prevent any substance from, or in connection with, the work falling into the public place.

The work site must be kept lit between sunset and sunrise if it is likely to be hazardous to persons in the public place.

The applicant is to provide drawings and details to Council's Building Surveyor for approval **prior** to such installation/erection.

17. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained until the site is fully stabilised in accordance with the approved ESCP or SWMP. In the absence of any approved plan the work is to be in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan 1/94 - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation.

    Note: Measures may include the installation of geofabric fencing, staked straw bale walls located on the contour down-slope of the construction, sediment detention basins, earthen contour banks and the like. The enclosed warning sign shall be affixed to the sediment fence/erosion control device at all times.

18. The applicant or person having the benefit of this development consent must give at least two days notice prior to commencement of works to Council of the intention to commence works. This notice is to be given in accordance with form 7 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 1998.

19. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contract number of the principle certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 4(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997.

20. The building shall be set out by a Registered Surveyor and the Survey Certificate of the building shall be lodged with the Principal Certifying Authority upon completion of the footings and prior to the external wall construction proceeding above floor level.

During Construction

21. All building work must be carried out in accordance with provisions of the Building Code of Australia.

22. Inspections shall be carried out and compliance certificates issued by Council or an appropriately accredited person for the following components of construction:

    (a) erosion controls, site works and site set out;
    (b) piers;
    (c) steel reinforcement;
    (d) framework, after the installation of all plumbing, drainage and electrical fixtures, and after the external cladding and roof covering has been fixed prior to fixing of internal linings and insulation;
    (e) wet area flashing, after the installation any bath and shower fixtures;
    (f) external drainage lines, prior to backfilling;
    (g) on completion of the structure.

23. The building site is to be adequately protected and drainage controlled to ensure that erosion and sediment movement is restricted to the site. The applicant will be responsible for restoration of any erosion and removal of sediment from the stormwater drainage system.

24. All demolition, construction and associated work necessary for the carrying out of the development being restricted to between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays and between 8.00am and 4.00pm on Saturdays.

25. No spoil, excavated or demolition material from the site being deposited on any public road, footpath, public place or Council owned property without the approval of this office.

26. To reduce nuisance to the surrounding properties, all demolished material and excess spoil from the site shall be disposed of to a location and in a manner to the approval of this office (Note: no material shall be burnt or buried on the site).

27. The site shall be kept clean and tidy during the construction period and all rubbish shall be removed from the site upon completion of the project to the satisfaction of this office.

28. A sign is to be erected adjacent to the access point to the site for the duration of the site works stating the following:

    (a) owner of site and address;
    (b) person/company carrying out site works and phone number;
    (c) consent number and date of approval; and
    (d) approval duration of site works.

29. All work must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Council's Subdivision Construction Specification.

30. The developer is responsible for full costs associated with any alteration, relocation or enlargement to public utilities whether caused directly or indirectly by this proposed subdivision. Such utilities include, but are not limited to, water, sewerage, drainage, power, communication, footways, kerb and gutter.

31. All wastes removed from the site are to be taken to an approved waste depot. All hazardous materials are to be removed in a manner specified by WorkCover.

Prior to Issue of Occupation Certificate

32. In order to ensure that the development complies with this consent, the approved use shall not commence until all conditions of this Development Consent have been complied with.

33. The submission of a Certificate from Telstra Australia that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of cables for telephones to the development.

34. The following documentary evidence is to be obtained prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate, whether by Council or an accredited certifier:

(a) A written clearance from Integral Energy, stating that electrical services have been made available to the development or that arrangements have been entered into for the provision of services to the development.

Separate documentary evidence from Integral Energy shall be provided stating that the requirements of that Authority have been met with regard to the nearby high voltage transmission line.

35. The submission of a Compliance Certificate under Section 73 of the Water Board (Corporatisation) Act 1994 prior to the release of the Occupation Certificate.

36. Landscaping shall be completed in accordance with the approved landscaping plan and shall be maintained in perpetuity by the existing or future owners and occupiers of the property. In this respect a occupational certificate will not be granted on the application until the landscaping is complete.

37. In order to enhance the amenity of the development, new boundary fences shall be provided at the applicant's expense. Such fencing behind the building line shall be to a height of 1.8m.

Prior to Issue of Subdivision Certificate

38. The construction of the rear lane from Campbell Street to and over the frontage of the site with concrete kerb and gutter on the south eastern side, a 4.5m wide sealed pavement, any necessary drainage together with any works necessary to make this effective.

39. The construction of Council's standard layback vehicular crossing to the lot facing Mileham Street in accordance with Council's standard plan.

40. The provision of inter-allotment drainage covering all lots not draining directly to a public road and the creation of necessary easements free of cost to Council.

41. The construction of sewerage reticulation, including junctions, to each lot in the subdivision where not already provided.

42. Dedication of a 3m by 3m splay corner free of costs to Council at Mileham Street and Campbell Street and at Campbell Street and the lane..

43. The submission of a plan showing all existing services on the lots including septic tank and effluent disposal area, sewer connections, water connections and stormwater disposal, where applicable, and the correction of any encroachments or defects to the requirements of the Director Environment and Development.

44. The submission of the plan of subdivision, together with 4 (four) exact copies thereof, suitable for lodgement with the Registrar General.

45. The submission of a Surveyor's Certificate stating that all buildings on the lots comply with the Building Code of Australia in relation to boundary setbacks.

46. The submission of a Surveyor's Certificate stating that all pipelines are contained within the proposed/existing easements.

47. Payment of a contribution of $5103.60 towards sewer headworks. This sum will remain fixed until 30 June 2001 after which it will be recalculated at the rate applicable at the time of payment.

48. Payment of a linen release fee of $250. This amount is valid until 30 June 2001.

49. The completion of the second dwelling to above floor level.

50. The completion of all road and drainage works and payment of the sewer headworks contribution required by this consent for the subdivision.

51. Construction of Council's standard residential footway vehicular crossing to suit the access to the site.

Use of Site

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

42: Alterations and Additions to Existing Residence for Restaurant - Lot 1 DP581544 No. 1186 Bells Line of Road (Cnr Old Bells Line of Road), Kurrajong Heights
(DA37/97/EVD/ENE29NAX.V04)

Mr John Stafford and Ms Lesley Buckett, objectors, addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That a site inspection be carried out.

43: Two Storey Dwelling House at Lot 31 DP211789 133 Coromandel Road, Ebenezer
(M1793/00/EVD/ENE29NAX.V06)

Mr Peter Graham, consultant surveyor, addressed the Committee

<u>COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION</u>

That a site inspection be carried out

44: Modification of Development Consent DA218/90 - Construction of 21 Tunnels - Lot 12 DP736138 and Lot 4 DP610341 84 and 112 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave
(DA218/90/EVD/ENE29NAX.V11)

Councillor Paine declared an interest in Elf Mushrooms due to son-in-law's employment with the company.

Mr Terry Perram, on behalf of Elf Mushrooms, addressed the Committee.

Mr Neville Diamond and Mr Sneddon, objectors, addressed the Committee.

<u>COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION</u>

That the modification the subject of this report be approved and Condition 8 of Development Consent DA218/90 be amended to read:

"The development shall be carried out in accordance with the Statement of Environmental effects prepared by R A Cole Town Planning Pty Ltd dated June , 1990 and drawings numbered 10/SD116A Sheets 1,2,3 ,7,8 dated 12 February 2001, 10/SD116A Sheets 6 dated 30 January 2001, 10/SD116A Sheets 9 dated 16 February 2001".

45: Proposed Skateboard Park, Lot 47 DP 787272, 3 Bells Line of Road, North Richmond
(MA0265/01/EVD/ENE29NAX.V18)

Councillor Allan declared an interest as she is a resident in Flinders Place.

Senior Constable Brett Barnes, Ms Susan Upton, Mrs Dianne Taite, Mrs Therese Conlon, addressed the Committee in support of the Skateboard Park.

Mr Darren Cole and Mr Robert Jones, objectors, addressed the Committee.

<u>COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION</u>

That:

1. The proposal for a skateboard park at No.3 Bells Line of Road, North Richmond be deferred pending the outcome of item 2.

2. Investigation be carried out regarding the use of Hanna Park for this facility.

46: Application for a Two Lot Subdivision - Lot 38 DP250171 No. 3 Glenn Place, North Richmond (M255/01/EVD/ENE29NAX.V08)

This item was dealt with in conjunction with Item 58 of the Environment section of the Supplementary Business Paper.

Mr Tony Rendoph, objector, addressed the Committee

<u>COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION</u>

That the application for subdivision of Lot 938 DP 250171, No. 3 Glenn Place, North Richmond be approved subject to the following conditions:

Advisory

1. To confirm and clarify the terms of this approval, the development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved stamped plans (prepared by G J Monaghan & Associates Pty Ltd numbered 00086-DA1 dated 2 March 2001) submitted with the application and any supportive documentation, except as otherwise provided by the conditions of this consent.

2. Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979.

3. No excavation or site works shall be commenced prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Prior to Issue of Construction Certificate

The following conditions in this section of the consent must be complied with or addressed prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate relating to the approved development, whether by Council or an appropriately accredited certifier. In many cases the conditions require certain details to be included with or incorporated in the detailed plans and specifications which accompany the Construction Certificate. **The Construction Certificate shall be obtained prior to the commencement of any earth works or building works.**

4. Payment of a design checking and inspection fee of $200 when submitting Engineering plans for approval. This amount is valid until 30 June 2001. Fees required if an accredited certifier is used will be provided upon request.

5. The submission of engineering designs and calculations covering all works required by this consent.

Prior to Commencement of Works

6. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained until the site is fully stabilised in accordance with the approved ESCP or SWMP. In the absence of any approved plan the work is to be in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan 1/94 - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation.

   Note: Measures may include the installation of geofabric fencing, staked straw bale walls located on the contour down-slope of the construction, sediment detention basins, earthen contour banks and the like. The enclosed warning sign shall be affixed to the sediment fence/erosion control device at all times.

7. The applicant or person having the benefit of this development consent must give at least two days notice prior to commencement of works to Council of the intention to commence works. This notice is to be given in accordance with form 7 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 1998.

8. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contract number of the principle certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 4(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997.

9. The developer is responsible for full costs associated with any alteration, relocation or enlargement to public utilities whether caused directly or indirectly by this proposed subdivision. Such utilities include, but are not limited to, water, sewerage, drainage, power, communication, footways, kerb and gutter.

During Construction

10. Submission of proof of the creation of the drainage easement over all downstream properties in favour of Lot 381.

11. A Section 73 Compliance Certificate under the Sydney Water Act 1994 must be obtained from Sydney Water.

    An application form is available from Council or Sydney Water (call 13 20 93). Following application a :Notice of Requirements" will detail water and sewer extensions to be built and charges to be paid. Please contact Sydney Water early, since building of water/sewer extensions can be time consuming and impact on other services and building, driveway or landscape design.

12. Submission of a Certificate from Integral Energy that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of electricity to each of the resultant lots of the subdivision.

13. Submission of a Certificate from an approved telecommunications provider that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the provision of cables for telephones through the subdivision.

14. A monetary contribution is to be paid to Council, pursuant to Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, towards the provision of the following public facilities in the locality:

(a)	Open Space and Recreation	$1106
(b)	Community Facilities	$2973

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

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

15. The construction of Council's standard layback vehicular crossing to Lot 382 in accordance with Council's standard plan.

16. The provision of inter-allotment drainage covering all lots not draining directly to a public road and the creation of necessary easements free of cost to Council.

17. The submission of a plan showing all existing services on the lots including septic tank and effluent disposal area, sewer connections, water connections and stormwater disposal, where applicable, and the correction of any encroachments or defects to the requirements of the Divisional Manager Environment and Development.

18. The submission of the plan of subdivision, together with 4 (four) exact copies thereof, suitable for lodgement with the Registrar General.

19. The submission of a Surveyor's Certificate stating that all buildings on the lots comply with the Building Code of Australia in relation to boundary setbacks.

20. Payment of a linen release fee of $250. This amount is valid until 30 June 2001.

21. In order to enhance the amenity of the development, new boundary fences shall be provided at the applicant's expense. Such fencing behind the building line shall be to a height of 1.8m and at least lapped and capped.

47: Proposed Legal Proceedings in Relation to Odours - 84 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave
(P136/445/EVD/ENE29NBX.V01)

Councillor Paine declared an interest in Elf Mushrooms due to son-in-law's employment with the company.

Mr Terry Perram, on behalf of Elf Mushrooms, addressed the Committee.

Ms Kim Smith and Mr Neville Diamond, objectors, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Council's solicitors be instructed to commence appropriate Class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court.

48: General Amendments to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989
(GT150/004/EVD/ENE29NBX.V13)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. A draft local environmental plan be prepared in accordance with the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning Best Practice Guidelines to incorporate the following amendments as outlined above:

   (a) Acid sulphate soils.
   (b) Corrections of heritage provisions.
   (c) Deletion of 57 East Market Street, Richmond from Schedule 1 of HLEP 1989.
   (d) Anomalies along the 8(a) National Park and Nature Reserve boundaries

2. A local environmental study not be prepared.

3. Council exercise its delegation in respect of Sections 65 and 69 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. 205 Macquarie Street Windsor

Council at its meeting of 13 July 1999 resolved to list 205 Macquarie Street as a heritage item on Schedule 1 of Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan (HLEP) 1989. At the time, Council resolved to incorporate the proposed amendment into the next Council generated amendment to HLEP 1989.

The current round of general amendments includes matters relating to heritage items and it is considered an appropriate time to include Council's previous resolution to list 205 Macquarie Street, Windsor as a heritage item.

2. General Map Amendments.

As Council is aware, Amendment 97 to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 introduced coloured maps. During the production of these maps some of the previously gazetted amendments to HLEP 1989 were inadvertently omitted. It is recommended that this situation be rectified to ensure that all previous amendments are represented correctly on the coloured maps.

Recommendation

That the general amendments to the draft local environmental plan also incorporate the following amendments:

1. Listing of 205 Macquarie Street, Windsor as a heritage item on Schedule 1 of Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989.

2. Correction of the coloured maps to incorporate previously gazetted amendments.

49: Policy Formation for Waste Carts issued by Council (GW010/002/EVD/ENE29NBX.V10)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A That Council's current policy in relation to stolen waste carts (No.PET0002Z) be replaced with the following:

1. Replacement of a waste cart that is stolen or destroyed whilst left out for servicing will be replaced free of charge if the theft or destruction is reported to Council within 48 (forty eight) hours of the scheduled servicing time or two working days of Council, for those properties that are serviced on a Friday or where public holidays prevent notification within 48 (forty eight) hours.

   If the theft or destruction is not reported as above, then the cost for replacement will be the responsibility of the owner of the premises. Where the replacement cost is paid by the property owner, the waste cart still remains the property of Council and will need to remain with the property it is assigned to, should the property change hands.

2. The use of waste carts other than Hawkesbury City Council embossed and number identified carts is not permitted. Waste carts are registered to a particular property by the use of registration

numbers. This practice reduces the risk of theft of waste carts from other Local Government areas for use in the City area. It also allows Council staff to investigate alleged theft of Hawkesbury City carts by other users of the Hawkesbury City Council service.

Users of unregistered waste carts will be left notification on the waste cart on two concurrent service weeks to replace the cart with a "Hawkesbury City Waste Cart", at their cost. On the third and subsequent service visits, the foreign waste cart will not be emptied if presented for servicing.

3. Where the owner of a property elects to change the size of the waste cart from large to small or small to large, this change will remain in place for a minimum period of 12 (twelve) months. The only exception to this is where a new owner takes possession of the property in the 12 (twelve) month period. The new owner can choose the size that best suits their needs for the next 12 (twelve) months. Waste service charges will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis for the remaining rate period.

B That appropriate steps be taken to inform residents of these arrangements.

50: Windsor Leagues Club - Prosecution for Unauthorised Rodeo at 698 George Street, South Windsor (M1388/00/EVD/ENE29NBX.V05)

Mr Chris Carl, Secretary/Manager Windsor Leagues Club, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received and Council discontinue any action, subject to Windsor Leagues Club paying legal costs.

51: Plan First - Review of Plan Making in New South Wales
(GM001/034/EVD/ENE29NBX.V12)

Mr Neville Diamond, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning to make a submission on the White Paper raising the following issues:

1. It disagrees with the ability for the Minister of Planning of the day to prepare and amend local environmental plans.

2. That the form and content of local plans should be determined by council in accordance with the Regional Strategy and not be based solely on place-base management.

3. There is a need for comprehensive State Plans to direct major development issues for the State as a whole and not just polices dealing with individual items of development.

4. Regional State Policies should become plans again and not just policy statements and objectives. State Government must make decisions to plan development rather than just require councils to carry out its policies. Many issues cross council boundaries and the vision of major infrastructure cannot be determined by local plans alone.

5. DUAP be invited to address Council allow:

   (a) Councillors to have the opportunity to ask questions on the White Paper.
   (b) Provision of any guidance that DUAP might be able to provide for the future planning of the City.

52: Open Area Test Site - 714 Upper Colo road, Upper Colo - Notice of Appeal (DA90/98/EVD/ENE29NBX.V03)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council not defend the appeal and Council's solicitors be given a watching brief to attend the appeal.

53: Genetically Engineered or Genetically Modified Food Free Zone - Presentation to Council (GE020/009 PT02/EVD/ENE29NCX.V17)

Professor Barry Richardson, Dr Paul Holford, Dr Judyth Mcleod and Ms Ievan Gay addressed Council concerning genetically engineered or a genetically modified food free zone.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

54: Class 4 Proceedings Against Approval of a 6 Shed Poultry Farm - Lot 4602 DP1006929 481 Creek Ridge Road, Glossodia (M1375/99/EVD/ENE29NCX.V02)

Mr Neville Diamond, objector, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received..

55: Price Morris Cottage - 37 Upper MacDonald Road, St Albans (GG021/196 PT01/EVD/ENE29NCX.V09)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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56: Meeting with Ms V Turner and Council - Stannix Park Road Ebenezer (P1911/8 PT03, MA0906/99 PT02/EVD/ENE29LCX.V15)

Ms Vicki Turner addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

57: Proposed Extensions to the John Moroney Correctional Centre, the Northern Road, Londonderry. (GT090/003Pt10/EVD/ENE29LCX.V20)

Councillor Sheather declared an interest as his son is an employee of the John Moroney Correctional Centre.

Ms Lyn Davie and Ms Tracy Willow, opposing the proposed womens prison, addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council inform the State Government that Hawkesbury City Council is opposed to the construction of a new women's prison at the John Moroney Centre, and urges the State Government to implement instead the alternatives to incarceration as recommended in July

2000 by the NSW Parliament Select Committee, in particular a moratorium on the building of any more cells for women and a cost benefit analysis on the proposed prison against the alternatives to incarceration.

2. Council hold meeting with both our State Members of Parliament regarding this issue.

58: Application for a Two-Lot Subdivision - Lot 38 DP 250171 No.3 Glenn Place, North Richmond (MA255/01/EVD/ENE29LCX.V19)

This item was dealt with in conjunction with Item 46 of the Environment section

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

21: Yarramundi Reserve (DA0144/93 PT4, P825/145 PT2, P825/105 PT2/END/INE29NBX.E03)

Councillor Rasmussen declared an interest as an adjoining land owner.

Mr Peter Graham addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council support Mr Graham's offer to formulate a draft plan of management for Yarramundi Reserve.

22: Draft Landscape Design for Pool Park, South Windsor (PK/288/ENG/INE29NBX.E10)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the draft landscape design, as amended, be adopted.

23: Richmond Park Draft User Policy (PK/202 PT9/ENG/INE29NBX.E09)

Mr Norman Jones and Ms Marjorie Hood-Jones from the Lions Club, Richmond addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That a public meeting be held, scheduled for late June 2001 to discuss the issues and develop possible solutions with concerned parties and the matter be further reported to Council.

24: Federal Black Spot Program Funding (GG021/171 PT1/END/INE29NBX.E01)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That representations be made to the local federal member of parliament to express support for the Federal Road Safety Black Spot Program and request extension past the 2001/2002 financial year.

25: Upgrading Richmond Park War Memorial (PK/202/ENG/INE29NBX.E08)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The design plan be referred to the Heritage Committee for comment.

2. Funding be considered in future budget allocations.

26: 2001-2002 Natural Heritage Trust Grants - Greening Australia (NSW) (GG021/205, GG021/206/ENG/INE29NBX.E06)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That in kind support of the project be provided through provision of:

- Regional target species list
- Seed collection target area information
- Stakeholder communication and networking
- Seed storage facilities/record keeping facilities (at community nursery)
- Promotion of the project through newsletters and local media.

27: Capital Assistance Program 2001-2002 - Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing (GG021/172/ENG/INE29NCX.E07)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

28: Mulgrave Road - Pedestrian Access from Windsor High School to Mulgrave Railway Station (1362/R PT2/ENG/INE29NCX.E02)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

29: Playground Equipment (GP010/015/ENG/INE29NCX.E04)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

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30: Bligh Park - South Windsor road link (GT230/011, GC281/076/ENG/INE29LBX.E11)

Mr Trevor Devine addressed the Committee

That the Committee exercising its delegation as whole of Council

225 RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly seconded by Councillor Gilling

That:

1. The residents of Bligh Park and South Windsor be consulted regarding the proposal; and,

2. The matter be further reported to the next General Purpose Committee.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

36: Monthly Financial Report - April 2001 (GF011/005/FNC/OGE29NBX.F09)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received

37: Cultural Facilities Development (GC130/032/GMA/OGE29NAX.G11)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council reaffirm the resolution of the Special meeting of Council held on 17 April, 2001 and outlined as points 1-6 in this report being:

    1. *By mid 2003 provide separate art gallery facilities in the new building proposed on the former hospital site or other suitable Council owned buildings, comprising exhibition space of not less that 350sqm, meeting rooms, storage rooms, kitchen facilities and toilet facilities and that such facilities be fitted out to regional art gallery standards.*

    2. *Leave the museum in its current location and provide extensions as proposed in 1988 with these to be completed by the end of 2002.*

    3. *There be further meetings and consultation with the Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection and reported to the May General Purpose Committee.*

    4. *The valuations and costings be sought.*

    5. *A study be undertaken to explore a reduction in running costs of the existing library building.*

    6. *A new separate art gallery, to the requirements provided by Council, would see a building of not less than 700sqm (seven hundred square metres) that, with site costs including car parking and landscaping, would be likely to cost (excluding land) approximately $1.1 million (one point one million dollars).*

2. Council receive a further report on the total costs of this project and a management plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A briefing session for Councillors has been held and a further report will be prepared as a supplementary for this Ordinary meeting.

38: **Australian Local Government Association - Federal Budget Submission** (GG010/001 PT3/GMA/OGE29NCX.G02)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

39: **Extension of Interim Auspice - Hawkesbury Community Transport Service** (GC200/002/CSV/OGE29NBX.C04)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

1. The information be received.
2. Council to advise the Department of Transport of its willingness to agree to a further extension of the interim auspice period for the Hawkesbury Community Transport Service until 30 June 2002.
3. Council to delegate responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Hawkesbury Community Transport Service to Peppercorn Services Inc.

40: **Windsor Function Centre** (GC283/045 PT11/CSV/OGE29NBX.C01)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council support the assignment of the Lease Agreement of the Windsor Function Centre from Firefeast Pty Ltd to Mr Peter Payne of A1 Penrith Catering Services Pty Ltd.
2. Council agree to a reduction in the turnover component from 8% to 6%, for the first year of the term.

3. The Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation including the transfer of the liquor licence from Ms Karen Lebsanft to Mr Peter Payne..

4. Firefeast Pty Ltd be offered a rebate of $500 (five hundred dollars) per annum for the 6 (six) years they have operated the Centre, as reimbursement for electricity expenses associated with the carpark and surrounds of the premises and the Basement area.

41: Tourism Infrastructure Investment Project (GM001/021 PT15/CSV/OGE29NBX.C06)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council support the proposed Regional Tourism Infrastructure Investment Project being developed by the North West Sydney GROW Committee and the allocation of up to $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) from the current year's budget provision for Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee, towards the project.

42: International Year of Volunteers (GG21/217/CSV/OGE29NBX.C10)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council show support of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers by supporting the conduct of recognition activities being morning teas for groups with older volunteer membership, a family day for those with young families as members and a dance party or similar for those involving youth, with funding being provided from the 2001/2002 Budget.

2. Council call for nominations for the Premier's Awards for Active Citizenship and these be short listed by the Australia Day Awards Committee.

43: Homelessness in the Hawkesbury (GC130/001/CSV/OGE29NBX.C08)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The information be received.

2. Council refer the *Local Government Model Policy on Homelessness* to the Hawkesbury Housing Forum to facilitate the development of a draft homelessness policy for the Hawkesbury LGA.

44: Grants and Donation Policy (GF008/001/CSV/OGE29NBX.C12)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Grants and Donation Policy be adopted, to come into effect on 1 July 2001 and that a communication plan be put in place to ensure that potential applicants are informed of Council's Policy.

45: North Richmond Child Care Centre - Update (GC050/009/CSV/OGE29NCX.C05)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

46: Westpool - HIH Insurance Group (GI011/002/CSV/OGE29NBX.C03)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and noted and that any significant development be reported to Council.

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47: Transfer of On-Street Parking from State Government to Local Government. (GP001/004 PT1/CSV/OGE29LAX.C13)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That subject to the State Government's acceptance of the provisions set down by the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW that the transfer of street parking enforcement to Local Government be supported.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Gilling tabled the Wollemi National Park Management Plan.

2. Councillor Gilling enquired whether Council had allocated $30,000 in relation to the new shelter at Sackville Lookout, with the old shelter being repainted.

   The General Manager advised the matter would be investigated.

3. Councillor Gilling enquired as to the General Manager's investigations concerning threats from Mr Zammit of Oakville to his neighbours.

   The General Manager advised there was a memo on file from a staff member who went to Oakville and issued an order to two members of the family in the absence of Mr Daniel Zammit. During the ensuing conversation comments were passed by an elderly gentleman to the staff member. As a consequence the General Manager advised the staff member to report the matter to the Police, with a file update which would bring the matter to a conclusion as far as Council is concerned.

4. Councillor Gilling enquired whether Council had to maintain Mountain Lagoon Road in the National Park area to the Upper and Lower Colo.

   The General Manager indicated Council had maintained the fire trail previously. It was normally maintained at the start of the fire season with money from the District Fire Committee.

5. Councillor Sheather questioned, with regard to the report on Mulgrave, whether the conditions are appropriate and noted the site inspections.

   The Mayor noted that a time would be set for the two site inspections.

6. Councillor Rasmussen enquired as to the progress on the RAAF Economic Impact Study with regard to timing and representation.

   The General Manager advised he was in receipt of documentation that was provided in confidence with the proposed objectives of the study. Additionally the air force had called a meeting next month, with representation from Council, to discuss the objectives before releasing a report on the matter.

7. Councillor Rasmussen noted that under the water allocation the vegetable farms will receive 11 mega litres.

   The Mayor noted this information

8. Councillor Williams enquired with regard to the Ordinary Meeting of 10 April 2001 and the action taken in relation to Item 111, relating to a resolution to write to the Minister noting Blaxland Ridge was an inappropriate site for mushroom composting and resubmitting Clause 47 Amendment 110.

   The General Manager indicated the letter had been sent and a copy would be supplied to Councillor Williams.

9. Councillor Williams enquired whether clause 47 of 110 been resubmitted

   The General Manager indicated it was in the same letter.

10. Councillor Williams enquired whether a letter had been sent to the Minister concerning the abolition of the trust, as resolved in Item 158 of the same meeting.

    The General Manager believed it had and would supply a copy.

11. Councillor Williams expressed concern regarding the PA system before proceeding to enquire about current action on the Ponds.

    The General Manager responded that it was still internally within the EPA.

12. Councillor Williams made an enquiry concerning official invitations to the commemoration of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage area which he attended.

    The General Manager indicated that he and the Mayor were unable to attend due to their acceptance of earlier invitations on that date.

13. Councillor Williams tabled a letter from Mr Max Bates, South Windsor concerning a skate park in South Windsor. Councillor Williams also raised the possibility of investigating an additional skate park site in South Windsor for inclusion in the next budget.

    The Mayor noted from Dianne Taite's comments that the Sports Council were investigating Colonial Reserve, North Bligh Park.

14. Councillor Paine tabled three letters: the Windsor Pre-School Association dated 14 May 2001 concerning air conditioning; William and Beryl Colvin dated 16 April 2001 regarding a truck depot in Evans Road and Bill Anderson dated 23 April 2001 concerning road side clearing.

    The General Manager advised the matters would be investigated.

15. Councillor Paine enquired, as a result of the pedestrian death of an elderly lady in March Street, if it would be possible to put a pedestrian crossing or age signs in place to notify motorists.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation enquired whether Councillor Paine particularly required aged pedestrian signs erected as the accident was approximately 50 metres from a traffic activated pedestrian crossing.

Councillor Paine noted there are quite often signs where there are aged facilities just noting that fact.

16. Councillor Paine requested a report back to Council concerning an annual pick up of rubbish throughout the community.

    The General Manager advised it would only be possible with associated costs but that the matter would be investigated.

17. Councillor Rasmussen enquired as to the progress being made with Kurrajong Heights School.

    The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that he had responded with a copy to everyone.

The meeting terminated at 8.40pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 26 June, 2001.

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ITEM: 65 **State Emergency Services Controller**

FILE NUMBER: GC180/001 PT3/GMA/ORF12NAX.G06

REPORT:

The State Emergency Service Act requires the appointments of Local Controllers to be renewed every 2 (two) years, with 01 August this year being the due date for the next renewal.

The Director-General of the Service in appointing the officer, considers that the Council's views are an important part of the process.

Mr Kevin Jones, the Local Controller, has performed the role in an excellent manner and continues to see the local organisation grow and continue its high degree of success.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council advise the Director-General of the State Emergency Service that it recommends Mr Kevin Jones to continue as Hawkesbury State Emergency Services Controller.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 65 Oooo

ITEM: 66 **Documents for Execution Under Seal**

FILE NUMBER: GC200/002, GC283/012 PT02, GC130/016, GC283/138, GC200/004/CSV/ORF12NAX.C05

REPORT:

Deed of Funding Agreement - Department of Transport GC200/002	The Department of Transport has approved recurrent funding for the following project: Hawkesbury Community Transport Service Community Transport Project . . . . $227,815 Community Transport Project (Forgotten Valley) . . . . $16,937 Youth Transport Project . . . . $70,160 Total . . . . $314,912 These funds have been made available for the provision of community transport and Youth Transport Services to the residents of the Hawkesbury.
Retail Lease GC283/012 PT02	New lease of Shop 8 Hobartville Shopping Centre to Mr Terry Funnell trading as Tiffany Glass Industries Pty Ltd. The term of the lease is 3 years with a 3 year option. The commencing rental is $10,400 (plus GST) to be reviewed annually to CPI and 17.55% of centre outgoings. The rent will be reviewed to market upon the commencement of the option.
Retail Lease GC283/138	Due to the sale of the takeaway business a new lease is required for Shop 11 Wilberforce Shopping Centre. The new tenants are Mr Ahmad Issa and Mr Ali Harbouki. The term will be 3 years with a 3 year option. The commencing rent will be $1,300 per month ($15,600 per annum) plus outgoings, being 8.4% of other centre outgoings and 6.7% Council Rates. The rent is to be reviewed annually to CPI Sydney and to market on commencement of the option.
Intervention Support Program - Offer of Acceptance 2001 GC200/004	The Department of Education and Training has approved funding assistance to Forgotten Valley Pre-School of $3,000 to provide Early Intervention support to young children with disabilities.

Deed of Funding Agreement for the 2001/2002 Financial Year GC130/016	The Department of Community Services has approved funding totalling $333,265 for the following projects:

Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit	
Community Development & Youth	$52,156
Forgotten Valley Pre-School	$35,998
Forgotten Valley Vacation Care	$2,221
Elizabeth Street Extended Hours Pre-School	$8,097
Golden Valley Child Care Centre	$15,089
Greenhills Child Care Centre	$15,761
Hobartville Long Day Pre-School	$15,614
McGraths Hill Children's Centre	$15,176
Wilberforce Early Learning Centre	$15,271
Richmond Occasional Care	$12,060
Richmond Pre-School	$48,366
Wilberforce Pre-School	$27,407
Windsor Pre-School	$48,799
Local Government Salary Subsidy - Hawkesbury	
Community Worker	$10,625
Hawkesbury Youth Worker	$10,625

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 66 Oooo

ITEM: 67 **2001/2001 Insurance Renewals**

FILE NUMBER: GI001/004/CSV/ORF12NBX.C12

REPORT:

General insurance policies (with the exception of motor vehicle and Workers' Compensation) are due for renewal on 30 June 2001.

Council will be aware that in respect of Industrial Special Risks Cover (Building), Hawkesbury joined with 179 other councils and country councils as a member of the Statewide Property Mutual Scheme for this cover.

Jardine Lloyd Thompson, Council's Insurance Brokers, have now submitted the following renewal terms:

Policy	2000/01	2001/02
Industrial Special Risks	$65,628.30	$92,516.37
Marine Hull - Lower Portland Ferry	$1,487.50	$1,411.28
Marine Hull - Small Plant	$903.48	$516.16
Contract Workers	$3,277.60	$3,768.56
Total	$71,296.88	$98,212.37

The insurance market is such that substantial premium increases are being imposed on all policies, even on policies without claims, including Statewide Property Mutual's reinsurer's arrangements.

In addition, it should also be noted that the value of Council property to be insured in respect of the 2001/2002 period has increased by $11,743,353.00.

In respect of Civil Liability (Public Liability and Professional Indemnity), this coverage is arranged through Westpool.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the specific categories of insurance, as detailed above, be renewed from 30 June 2001 at a premium of $98,212.37 (ninety eight thousand two hundred and twelve dollars and thirty seven cents).

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 67 Oooo

ITEM: 68 **Leasing of Johnston Wing of Former Hawkesbury Hospital Site**

FILE NUMBER: GC283/163/CSV/ORF12NBX.C03

REPORT:

The Concept Plan for the redevelopment of the former Hawkesbury Hospital site, provided for the refurbishment of the Johnston Wing and marketing of the premises for commercial usage.

The Johnston Wing fronts Christie Street and provides approximately 420sqm of commercial space over two levels. There have been two submissions received for the leasing of the facility, one being for the conversion of the premises into budget style accommodation ie backpacker facility and the other from Foundation Medical Centres.

The submission for the leasing of the premises to establish a backpacker/budget accommodation facility is from Mr Daryl Day and is on the basis of the following principle terms and conditions:

- Payment of a rental of $30,000 per annum plus outgoings.
- An upfront rent free period of 6 months.
- A 5 year lease with a further 5 year option.

In terms of fitout, Council would be required to upgrade the smoke detector, alarm system and emergency lighting to meet the Fire Safety Regulations associated with a backpacker facility and to provide appropriate waste management and one disabled parking space. Mr Day proposes to meet expenses associated with the fitout of the facility including modifications to the existing air conditioning and installation of fire stairs external to the building.

Since discussions commenced with Foundation Medical Centres regarding securing accommodation within the site, it has been suggested they consider leasing of the Johnston Wing. Initially, they were of the view that approximately 700-800sqm would meet their needs, however, due to the level of interest in being involved with their business proposal, they now require approximately another 400sqm of office space. Additionally, with the Johnston Wing being available almost immediately, it would allow their organisation to establish on the site by the end of October as planned and to progressively expand into the main hospital building on completion of the renovations. Foundation Medical Centres have offered payment of a rental of $225 per sqm per annum gross for the building which will equate to an initial annual rental of $95,000, subject to formal determination of the actual floor area. The proposed tenure is the same as for the main building and former kitchen building being for a term of 10 years with a 5 year option and rentals to be reviewed bi-annually by 5%. The agreement would be subject to development consent being obtained for the use and fitting out of the premises.

Since the development of the Concept Plan for the site, it had always been intended to market the Johnston Wing for professional or medical use and by supporting the lease of the main hospital building and the Johnston Wing to Foundation Medical Centres, a cluster of medical and health services has effectively been established within close proximity to the Windsor Town Centre and new Hawkesbury

Hospital. Whilst it is acknowledged that there is some demand for budget accommodation within the area, the proposal does not fit in with the Concept Plan for the site and the rental offered by the applicant is substantially less than that which can be achieved from a Medical Centre. It being pointed out that the commercial returns secured for the former hospital site are intended to offset costs associated with developing and operating the substantial community facilities being provided on the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council enter into an Agreement to Lease with Foundation Medical Centres for the Johnston Wing of the former hospital site, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

2. The Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 68 Oooo

ITEM: 69 **Lower Portland Ferry - Contract**

FILE NUMBER: GT020/407/ENG/ORF12NBX.E15

REPORT:

Tenders for the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry on a three year basis closed at 2pm on 15 May 2001. A total of two tenders were received as follows:

Macca's Ferry Services Pty Ltd $699,380.00

O'Connor Ferry Services Pty Ltd $775,000.00

The lowest tender in the amount of $699,380.00 (six hundred and ninety nine thousand three hundred and eighty dollars) has been received from Macca's Ferry Services Pty Ltd.

There has over the six year period from 1995 been a considerable increase in the amount tendered for the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry. Outlined below are the figures for the last three contract periods; the percentage increase is above the previous contract amount.

1995	24 hour operation	6.0% increase	O'Connor Ferry Services	$285,000.00
1998	19 hour operation	18.5% increase	Macca's Ferry Services	$337,750.00
2001	19 hour operation	107.0% increase	Macca's Ferry Services	$699,380.00 (GST inclusive)

While it would be possible to operate the ferry by day labour for a similar amount or slightly less than that tendered, there would be additional administrative and overhead costs involved and also the inherent staff and rostering problems inevitable with this type of operation.

Macca's Ferry Services Pty Ltd is currently carrying out the operation of Lower Portland Ferry in a satisfactory manner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the tender by Macca's Ferry Service Pty Ltd in the amount of $699,380.00 (six hundred and ninety nine thousand three hundred and eighty dollars) for the operation of the Lower Portland Ferry for a three year contract period be accepted and the necessary contract documents be completed under the Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

Oooo END OF ITEM 69 Oooo

ITEM: 70 **Tenders for the Hire of Plant**

FILE NUMBER: GT020/357 PT6 & 7/ENG/ORF12NBX.E02

REPORT:

Tenders for the Hire of Plant on a comprehensive basis for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002, closed at 2pm on 11 April 2001.

A total of 57 tenders were received for the supply of various items of plant. Tenders have been listed in order of price within respective plant categories.

The selection of plant from the Schedule list is based on price, availability and performance.

A copy of the Schedule is available for perusal by interested Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Schedule list for the Hire of Plant on a comprehensive basis for the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002 be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

Oooo END OF ITEM 70 Oooo

ITEM: 71 **Supply and Place Asphaltic Concrete**

FILE NUMBER: GT020/402 PT1/ENG/ORF12NBX.E01

REPORT:

Tenders for the supply and placement of Asphaltic Concrete closed at 2.00pm on Tuesday 3 April 2001.

Tenders have been called for a 12 (twelve) month period on a schedule of rates basis comprising:

Part A

- hourly rate for pothole patching including four tonne of asphaltic concrete to be placed over an 8 hour period, including all traffic control (routine pothole repairs on a daily basis)

Part B

- square metre rate for the supply and placement of asphaltic concrete for variable depths, including all excavation and traffic control (larger road failures which have to be excavated and repaired)

A total of 9 tenders were received for the Part A component as follows:

	Name	p/h rate	comments
1	Bernard Knight Concrete Services	*$140.00	Plus $35 per hour per man for traffic control
2	A&C Group Pty Ltd	$142.00	
3	Ozpave Pty Ltd ($165.00 + 10% GST)	$181.50	
4	Owen Road Maintenance Pty Ltd	$264.50	
5	Borthwick & Pengilly Asphalts Pty Ltd	$297.00	
6	Base Course Management Pty Ltd	$350.00	
7	Pioneer Road Services Pty Ltd	$390.00	
8	CSR Emoleum Road Services	$545.60	
9	North Shore Paving Co Pty Ltd	$623.70	

* The rate submitted by Bernard Knight Concrete Services Pty Ltd is non conforming as the rate does not take into account additional personnel that may be required for traffic control. This has been priced in addition to the hourly rate of $140.00 per hour at $35 per hour per man. Under

the circumstances the tender received from A & C Group P/L in the amount of $142 per hour is considered to be the most cost effective in comparison to the other rates. This company is presently performing similar works for Willoughby and Lane Cove Councils in a satisfactory manner.

A total of 11 tenders were received for the Part B component as follows:

Contractor	Area m2	Deep Lift Rate/m2 Depth						
		25mm	50mm	75mm	100mm	150mm	200mm	250mm
Bernard Knight Concrete Services Pty Ltd	1-10	$25.00	$31.00	$46.00	$75.00	$90.00	$119.00	$147.00
	10.1-50	$15.00	$24.00	$37.00	$60.00	$71.00	$90.00	$110.00
	50.1-200	$9.00	$22.00	$33.00	$54.00	$64.00	$85.00	$105.00
	over 200	$9.00	$19.00	$29.00	$48.00	$55.00	$70.00	$90.00
Bitupave Ltd Trading as Boral Asphalt	1-10	$46.00	$51.00	$60.00	$67.00	$81.00	$103.00	$128.00
	10.1-50	$46.00	$51.00	$60.00	$67.00	$81.00	$103.00	$128.00
	50.1-200	$41.00	$46.00	$57.00	$59.00	$78.00	$99.00	$124.00
	over 200	$41.00	$46.00	$57.00	$59.00	$78.00	$99.00	$124.00
A & C Group Pty Ltd	1-10	$71.00	$80.00	$89.00	$100.00	$109.00	$120.00	$147.00
	10.1-50	$65.00	$73.00	$80.00	$85.00	$95.00	$105.00	$132.00
	50.1-200	$45.00	$61.00	$68.00	$74.00	$83.00	$92.00	$120.00
	over 200	$35.00	$49.00	$60.50	$66.00	$77.00	$87.50	$99.90
Owen Road Maintenance Pty Ltd	1-10	$81.00	$92.00	$103.00	$114.00	$136.00	$158.00	$175.00
	10.1-50	$57.00	$67.00	$77.00	$88.00	$109.00	$129.00	$135.00
	50.1-200	$48.00	$58.00	$68.00	$78.00	$98.00	$118.00	$124.00
	over 200	$47.00	$57.00	$67.00	$77.00	$97.00	$117.00	$123.00
Base Course Management Pty Ltd	1-10	$200.00	$230.00	$260.00	$280.00	$315.00	$340.00	$360.00
	10.1-50	$55.00	$65.00	$75.00	$90.00	$105.00	$120.00	$135.00
	50.1-200	$28.00	$33.00	$42.00	$50.00	$62.00	$78.00	$90.00
	over 200	$20.00	$26.00	$33.00	$40.00	$50.00	$62.00	$72.00
Pavement Salvage Operations Pty Ltd	1-10	$97.20	$110.40	$113.30	$136.80	$163.20	$189.60	$210.00
	10.1-50	$68.40	$80.40	$92.40	$105.60	$130.80	$154.80	$162.00
	50.1-200	$57.60	$69.60	$81.60	$93.60	$117.60	$141.60	$148.80
	over 200	$56.40	$68.40	$80.40	$92.40	$116.40	$140.40	$147.60
Ozpave Pty Ltd (excludes GST)	1-10	$450.00	$450.00	$550.00	$181.00	$197.20	$213.30	$226.50
	10.1-50	$37.80	$46.00	$54.40	$64.60	$155.00	$180.80	$211.20
	50.1-200	$34.40	$46.85	$57.00	$71.70	$94.40	$116.15	$134.75

Contractor	Area m2	Deep Lift Rate/m2 Depth						
		25mm	50mm	75mm	100mm	150mm	200mm	250mm
	over 200	$28.10	$36.61	$40.25	$60.30	$82.38	$103.33	$121.12
Borthwick & Pengilly Asphalts Pty Ltd	1-10	$224.40	$224.40	$235.40	$235.40	$247.50	$247.50	$264.00
	10.1-50	$135.30	$143.00	$165.00	$181.50	$198.00	$214.50	$231.00
	50.1-200	$45.65	$54.56	$61.11	$67.43	$85.36	$98.23	$113.85
	over 200	$31.46	$37.84	$45.76	$53.79	$69.74	$84.15	$96.80
CSR Emoleum Road Services	1-10	$475.20	$477.40	$480.70	$484.00	$489.50	$495.00	$500.50
	10.1-50	$157.30	$162.10	$167.00	$171.80	$183.00	$194.12	$205.82
	50.1-200	$55.65	$64.30	$74.43	$80.83	$95.68	$109.80	$124.00
	over 200	$32.00	$38.46	$44.71	$52.17	$65.87	$80.87	$91.30
North Shore Paving Co Pty Ltd	1-10	$256.08	$266.64	$271.92	$283.80	$294.36	$319.44	$343.20
	10.1-50	$231.00	$244.20	$261.36	$278.52	$283.80	$308.88	$332.64
	50.1-200	$84.35	$90.82	$99.26	$109.69	$125.27	$142.82	$157.76
	over 200	$53.66	$62.77	$71.87	$80.98	$99.20	$117.41	$135.63
Pioneer Road Services Pty Ltd	1-10	$640.00	$650.00	$66.00	$670.00	$680.00	$690.00	$700.00
	10.1-50	$241.30	$252.60	$263.60	$274.60	$285.60	$296.60	$307.60
	50.1-200	$96.30	$109.30	$122.30	$135.30	$148.50	$161.70	$174.70
	over 200	$77.00	$83.00	$89.00	$95.00	$101.00	$108.00	$114.00

The shaded rows (1-10 and 10.1-50m2) represent the most frequently used categories for regular maintenance work.

The Schedule of Rates submitted by Bernard Knight Concrete Services Pty Ltd is considered to be the most cost effective when analysed in relation to previous works undertaken. Bernard Knight Concrete Services Pty Ltd has been performing similar works for Council under contract for the last 12 months.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Schedule of Rate tender submitted by A & C Group Pty Ltd for supply and placement of Asphaltic Concrete for Pothole Patching Part A at $142 per hour be accepted and be executed under the Seal of Council.

2. The Schedule of Rates tender submitted by Bernard Knight Concrete Service Pty Ltd for the supply and placement of Asphaltic Concrete deeplift patching Part B be accepted and be executed under the Seal of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 72 **Reconstruction of St Albans Road**

FILE NUMBER: GT020/408 PT1/END/ORF12NBX.E10

REPORT:

Tenders for reconstruction and bitumen sealing works on St Albans Road closed at 2.00 pm on 15 May 2001.

Tenders have been called for three separate reconstruction stages commencing at the existing end of seal from the Webbs Creek end of St Albans Road. The three proposed stages represent a total length of 3,620 metres.

At the closing time and date, a total of four conforming tenders were received as follows:

	J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd	**D & M Hughes Civil Engineering Pty Ltd**	**Hawkesbury Excavations Pty Ltd**	**Jay & Lel Excavations Pty Ltd**
Stage 1- 998m ch 9677-10675	$ 315,875	$ 362,536.80	$ 383,213.70	$ 414,284
Stage 2-995m ch10675-11670	$ 283,402	$313,156.85	$ 351,062	$ 404,907
Stage 3-1627m ch11670-13297	$ 433,201	$ 468,395.50	$576,251	$ 597,667

All the above prices include GST.

The lowest tender for all stages has been received from J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd in the amount of :

- $ 315,875 for Stage 1 (998 lineal metres)
- $ 283,402 for Stage 2 (995 lineal metres)
- $ 433,201 for Stage 3 (1,670 lineal metres)

This company has previously carried out similar works for this and adjoining Councils in a satisfactory manner and is considered capable of performing the works in accordance with the contract specifications.

The available funding in the amount of $ 236,000 is insufficient to complete the full extent of works defined under Stage 1 of the reconstruction program and represents a probable sealed construction length of approximately 800 lineal metres, subject to limited variations.

Subject to Council allocating a further $ 236,000 in the proposed 2001/2002 Works Program, it may be possible to complete the balance of Stage 1 and a proportion of Stage 2 under the one Contract, and therefore provide a continuity to the work.

Accordingly, it is intended to recommend acceptance of a portion of the Stage 1 Tender submitted by J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd to the limit of the available funding in the amount of $236,000, with the balance of Stage 1 works and a portion of Stage 2 works of the Tender submitted by J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd be subject to the allocation of a further $ 236,000 in the 2001/2002 Works Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. A portion of the Stage 1 Tender submitted by J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd for the reconstruction of a section of St Albans Road be accepted to the limit of available funding in the amount of $236,000 (two hundred and thirty six thousand dollars).

2. The balance of Stage 1 and a portion of Stage 2 Tender submitted by J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd for the reconstruction of a section of St Albans Road, be accepted, subject to the allocation of a further $236,000 (two hundred and thirty six dollars) in the 2001/2002 Works Program.

3. The Seal of Council be affixed to any contract documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 73 **Department of Family & Community Services - Grants**

FILE NUMBER: GC050/001, GC050/003, GC050/004/CSV/ORF12NCX.C11

REPORT:

The Department of Family and Community Services has approved grants amounting to $81,813 (eighty one thousand eight hundred and thirteen dollars) under the Minor Capital Upgrade Program for Children's Services to the following incorporated associations:

McGraths Hill Childrens Centre Inc	$21,850
Golden Valley Child Care Centre Inc	$21,120
Hobartville Long Day Pre-School Inc	$38,843

These funds are for the provision of air conditioning, fencing and shade structures to address health and licensing requirements. These grants will enable the incorporated associations responsible for the operation of child care services in Council facilities to upgrade these facilities to improve the comfort and safety of children attending these centres.

The receipt of these funds will enable Council to meet one of the endorsed targets as outlined in the *Community Needs Report 2001-2002* (which Council has committed itself to implement in 2001-2002). The need for the installation of air-conditioning and the erection of shade protection structures in Council's child care facilities was identified as a priority recommendation to improve the quality of life of children.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

oooO END OF ITEM 73 Oooo

ITEM: 74 **Reports Requested by Council - Status as at 12 June, 2001**

FILE NUMBER: GC280/005 PT03/CSV/ORF12NCX.C07

REPORT:

16/11/99	Sand Mining - Richmond Lowlands DED	Report on proposed sandmining of the Richmond Lowlands and current position of two State Members for this Region.	Awaiting response from DUAP.
30/1/01	Windsor Mall - Traffic DAS&R	Report in relation to the increasing traffic within Windsor Mall and possible installation of lock-down bollards.	Report to be prepared.
13/2/01	Development Control Plan - Poultry Farms DED	DCP for Poultry Farm development to be prepared incorporating criteria outlined in Notice of Motion.	DCP being prepared.
27/3/01	Elected Members Review - Delegation of Authority GM	Report outlining responsibilities required by elected members upon appointment.	A report to be prepared for next GPC.
8/5/01	Mediation Processes DED	Report outlining possible methods of mediation being used within local government to progress development matters and reduce community concern/conflict. Report to also advise of costs and savings of processes.	Report to be prepared.
8/5/01	Legal Expenses DED	Report outlining current legal expenses.	Briefing session held. Report to be prepared.
8/5/01	Candidates and Councillors GM	Report outlining information in relation to Registered Parties.	Report to be prepared.

8/5/01	Mainstreet Special Rate DC&CS	Report outlining Mainstreet Program funding and strategies.	Report to be prepared.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 75 **Subdivision of Multi Residential Development**

FILE NUMBER: GC280/004 PT04, DCP005/00/EVD/ORF12NCX.V14

REPORT:

Introduction

Council at its General Purpose Committee Meeting of 29 May, 2001 requested a report be prepared in respect to the subdivision of dual occupancies, townhouses, villas and the like.

Background

At its meeting of 29 August, 2000 Council resolved that:

> "*Where consent is granted for the construction of a duplex, a cluster house, or medium density housing in accordance with Council's Development Control Plans, State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 be used to approve the subsequent titling of those units.*"

Discussion

In general, Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 (HLEP 1989) allows the subdivision of land zoned Residential 2(a) into allotment sizes of no less than 450m2. Council's Development Control Plans for Dual Occupancy and Medium Density Development provide different lot size requirements. For example, an attached dual occupancy only requires a minimum land area of 400m2; that is, one dwelling per 200m2. Therefore, the subsequent titling of dual occupancies and units through strata, torrens or community title subdivision would create lots that are less than the minimum requirement of 450m2.

There is no provision within HLEP 1989 to allow consent to be given to the titling of dual occupancies and units. It is somewhat contradictory and unreasonable that Council's Development Control Plans support the erection of units on land that cannot be further titled due to the constraints of the Local Environmental Plan.

At present, the titling of dual occupancies and units are approved based on the submission of a State Environmental Planning Policy No. 1 (SEPP No. 1) objection to vary the minimum lot size. This is in accordance with Councils resolution of 19 August, 2000. The use of SEPP No. 1 for these types of subdivisions is an interim measure until the matter is resolved by the new Development Control Plan and an amendment to HLEP 1989.

Council's records show that approximately 42 applications involving the subdivision of dual occupancies and medium density units are processed per year.

Conclusion

It can be seen that Council policies permit the erection of dual occupancies and units, however, inhibit the subsequent subdivision of these units because the resulting lot sizes are less than 450m2. Council has previously resolved that any SEPP No. 1 objection submitted in relation to the subdivision of approved medium density development be supported, and this should continue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Tourism Hawkesbury - 22 March 2001

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Sandstone Quarry Committee - 28 March 2001

PRESENT: Debbie Griffith, Grant Griffith, Michael Ryan, Damian Millgate, Councillor Leigh Williams, Peter Hrynevych, John Halpin, Pat Latta, John Pye, Greg Hall, Mr & Mrs Stimson.

The meeting commenced at 7.05pm and was chaired by Councillor Williams.

A brief introduction was made by each member of the Committee.

John Pye outlined the role of the Committee and the background to the approvals given by the Land & Environment Court and Council in respect to the quarry operation and sandstone cutting activity.

The committee discussed the current operation and the quarry operators answered a number of questions in relation to:

- traffic generation
- dust emission
- noise emission
- employment
- life of the quarry
- water use on the site and recycling water

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to familiarise all Committee Members with the quarry operation and it was decided that a tour of the quarry site should be arranged. The tour would also allow the Committee Members to identify any other matters that could be included in the yearly performance report. The site inspection was arranged for Saturday 21 April at 10am at the entrance to the quarry off Bull Ridge Road.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

oooO END OF REPORT Oooo

WSROC - 19 April 2001

Present:

Clr Chris Bowen	President (outgoing) Fairfield Council
Clr Mark Greenhill	President (incoming) Blue Mountains Council
Clr Kim Appleby	Auburn Council
Clr Chris Cassidy	Auburn Council
Clr Margaret Ferrara	Baulkham Hills Council
Clr Ron Alder	Blacktown Council
Clr Danny Mackin	Blacktown Council
Clr Jeff Egan	Blue Mountains Council
Clr Albert Mooshi	Fairfield Council
Clr Barry Calvert	Hawkesbury Council
Clr Lorna Allan	Hawkesbury Council
Clr Ken Morrisey	Holroyd Council
Clr Cecilia Anthony	Liverpool Council
Clr Claire O'Neilll	Penrith Council
Clr Cathy O'Toole	Penrith Council
Mr Ray Brownlee	Auburn Council
Mr Michael Watt	Baulkham Hills Council
Mr Robert Dennis	Baulkham Hills Council
Mr Greg Morgan	Blacktown Council
Mr Alan Young	Fairfield Council
Mr Garry McCully	Hawkesbury Council
Mr Merv Ismay	Holroyd Council
Mr Roy Newsome	Liverpool Council
Mr Phil Tolhurst	Liverpool Council
Mr Terry Barnes	Parramatta Council
Mr Bruce McDonald	Penrith Council
Mr Roger Nethercote	Penrith Council
Mr Alex Gooding	WSROC
Ms Julia Ryan	WSROC
Mr Luke Nicholls	WSROC
Ms Rebecca Nicolson	WSROC
Mrs Esme Evans	WSROC
Ms Susan Kemp	Dept of Land & Water Conservation
Mr Axel Tennie	Dept of Land & Water Conservation
Ms Norma Shankie-Williams	Dept of Urban Affairs & Planning

1 APOLOGIES

MOVED that apologies be received and noted from Ms Lea Rosser (Auburn Council), Clr Martin Tolar (Baulkham Hills Council), Clr Mark Pigram, Mr Dennis Trezise (Holroyd Council), Clr Wendy Waller (Liverpool Council), Clr Tony Issa, Clr David Borger (Parramatta Council).

Clr Mark Greenhill/Clr Albert Mooshi
CARRIED

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED *that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th February, 2001 be received and noted.*

Clr Albert Mooshi/Clr Chris Cassidy
CARRIED

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Business arising is dealt with under the relevant headings below.

4 SPECIAL ITEMS

4.1 BRIEFING ON THE ABOLITION OF THE HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST (32035.01)

Ms Susan Kemp, Deputy Director General of the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) and Mr Axel Tennie, Regional Director, Sydney and South Coast Region, made a presentation on the abolition of the Hawkesbury-Nepean CMT.

Ms Kemp said that she was conscious that abolishing the HNCMT had created a great deal of anxiety. The Trust which was established under the Catchment Management Act, was funded by the government even though it was completely independent, reporting directly through the Chairman to the Minister.

Ms Kemp said that the decision of the Minister had to be seen in the context of trends in management and recognised that the State needed to partner more directly with local government in addressing issues. The integration of the activities of the HNCMT into DLWC would also remove a level of bureaucracy.

She said that the Trust's office in Windsor will be maintained at that location and praised the excellent work of the Trust staff. The savings arising from abolishing the Trust had not yet been calculated but the Government is committed to working with local government to address priorities needed in the Hawkesbury Valley and any savings would be dedicated to works on the ground.

Ms Kemp said that the Government is trying to rationalise the different bodies responsible for the Catchment. The Government is saying that the HNCMT did good work but the life of Trust has come to an end. It is now time to start moving on from the planning phase to working with councils and freeing up funding to work with the community. The Trust had fulfilled a planning and coordination role; now DLWC will act to implement these plans.

The Trust was abolished at Wednesday llth April, 2001 midnight. The permanent staff were transferred to DLWC on Thursday. The Department was looking at projects, programs and partnerships to see where there was potential duplication.

Ms Kemp said that DLWC spends a significant amount of money in Hawkesbury Valley - $18m in projects and partnerships. There were going to be real gains working with councils in achieving bigger gains and building on the work that the Trust has already done. There would be an enhancement of the Trust's work, not a diminution of it.

Ms Kemp concluded by saying that there would be an essentially enhanced role for local government in the catchment and efficiencies achieved by the removal of a layer of bureaucracy.

Ms Kemp and Mr Tennie then answered a number of questions.

Clr Alder queried how the government proposed to make up for the donations received by the Trust. Mr Tennie responded that the Trust received only a small component from the private and non-government sector. The Trust also received money from the EPA and from Federal NHT funding for stormwater and Premier's for greenhouse.

Clr Alder queried whether community support committees would be abolished. Mr Tennie responded that the Minister wanted community involvement to continue. He also wanted to strengthen the role of local government through the Local Government Reference Group, which was to be maintained.

Clr Alder expressed disappointment that there had been no consultation with councils. Ms Kemp said that the Trust has always been subject to review. The Government had concerns that too much money going on administrative and programs that didn't actually end up with work on the ground. Ultimately the Trust's future was a decision for the Government. Mr Tennie said that to give a comparison, the UPRCT spends only 2.5% on overheads, with the rest going on the ground.

Clr Anthony requested clarification on whether the government had abolished the Trust with no idea at this stage of the cost savings. She also wanted to know who will be carrying out ongoing education Ms Kemp responded that DLWC have absorbed staff and roles within existing structure. The projects being undertaken by the Trust were being transferred to the DLWC and education work to be carried out by the DLWC Communication's Branch..

Clr Anthony queried whether any current programs were being discontinued. Mr Tennie said in terms of external funds, anything signed up to date will be reviewed. DLWC was going through project by project and should be completed by next week.

Clr Ferrara commented on the strong role of volunteer groups with the Trust. She also asked whether the Trust's abolition had implications for other Trusts. Ms Kemp said it did not as the Upper Parramatta River Catchment and Hunter Trusts operated in a different manner to the HNCMT with funding sourced from a levy rather than from DLWC.

Clr Greenhill said that member councils had been shocked by the announcement. The Trust's brief was to be close to community and the lack of consultation with either councils or the community about the decision to abolish the Trust was not good enough.

Clr O'Neill queried whether the money saved would be allocated and remain within the catchment. Ms Kemp indicated that it would be. Clr Alder asked about the Great River Walk, which was close to being established and which had council support. Mr Tennie indicated that this project would proceed.

MOVED *that in relation to the abolition of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust that:*

Ms Susan Kemp, Assistant Director-General and Mr Axel Tennie, Regional Director, Sydney-South Coast Region of the Department of Land and Water Conservation be thanked for their *presentation;*

WSROC write to the Minister for Land and Water Conservation, the Hon. Richard Amery, MP, to express concern at the suddenness of the decision to abolish the Trust and the lack of consultation with WSROC, its member Councils and the wider community regarding this decision;

The Minister be urged to reconsider the decision or at least to postpone it so that there can be a public review of the trust's performance;

Assurances be sought from the Minister regarding the commitments made by the Trust to fund projects, in particular those involving WSROC and its member Councils;

A meeting be sought with the Minister to discuss these matters; and

Member councils and other regional organisations be urged to express their concerns to the Minister regarding these issues.

Clr Danny Mackin/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

Although items 4.2 and 4.3 are dealt with below in Agenda order, the Board agreed to defer item 4.2 as the speaker from DUAP was held up in traffic and item 4.3 was dealt with first.

4.2 PRESENTATION BY MS NORMA SHANKIE-WILLIAMS, DEPT OF URBAN AFFAIRS & PLANNING ON "PLAN FIRST" (35001.03)

Ms Norma Shankie-Williams, Assistant Director, Planning System Policy and Reform, DUAP, made a brief presentation to the Board on *PlanFirst.* She then responded to questions from the floor.

Clr Egan said this plan would cost a lot for councils to implement and queried whether the State Government would provide funding. Ms Shankie-Williams said that DUAP are approaching NSW Treasury to provide resources to implement proposals.

Clr O'Toole queried how the recently released "Sustaining the Catchments" REP would be dealt with. Ms Shankie-Williams said this would be incorporated into the regional plan for each region.

Clr Calvert queried whether the local plan needed to wait for the regional strategy to be developed first. Ms Shankie-Williams said local plans will be made within the context of the regional strategy and may be made in parallel. However, there will be a transitional period that allows for local plans to be made..

Clr Allan queried whether regional forums would use existing regional structures. Ms Shankie-Williams said they would, and pointed out that Western Sydney has good networking in place.

Mr Barnes said that under current arrangements LEPs have to be have to be approved by the Department and queried what the differences would be and whether there would be a shift of responsibility. Ms Shankie-Williams said that PlanFirst's approach was for there to be more autonomy in local planning within the context of the regional strategy.

Clr Calvert queried what would happen to the feedback on the Community Consultations document. Ms Shankie-Williams said it was intended to finalise this into a manual. The Department wanted good ideas and methods from Councils.

Mr Gooding referred to the late item tabled at the meeting and advised that WSROC's submission would be circulated to member Councils as a first draft for responses since the deadline had been extended to 1st June. Any feedback from councils would be incorporated and a further draft will be presented to the EMC on 17th May seeking delegated authority for the President and Planning Spokesperson and Executive Director to sign off and submit to the Department.

Mr McDonald suggested that WSROC's submission should consider in detail the role of the regional plan. This would be a crucial document and it was important that it be a genuine well-weighted reflection of local regional opinion.

***MOVED** that in relation to PlanFirst, that:*

1) *Ms Norma Shankie-Williams be thanked for her presentation;*
2) *WSROC prepare a detailed submission regarding PlanFirst;*
3) *A draft submission be circulated to member Councils to assist in preparation of submissions and forwarded for information to DUAP;*
4) *This submission incorporate the issues outlined above and those raised by this Board meeting following the PlanFirst presentation;*
5) *The WSROC President, Planning Spokesperson and Executive Director be delegated authority to finalise the submission; and*
6) *WSROC support Option 2 for regions contained in the PlanFirst White Paper, combined with close liaison with the South-West Sydney Region, and is firmly of the view that all WSROC member councils should be in the one region.*

Clr Ron Alder/Clr Mark Greenhill
CARRIED

4.3 PRESENTATION BY REBECCA NICOLSON ON THE WSROC SALINITY PROJECT(32201.01)

\# Ms Rebecca Nicolson, WSROC's Salinity Project Officer made a brief presentation to the meeting (a copy of the overheads used in the presentation is attached).

***MOVED** that in relation to the presentation by the Salinity Project Officer that:*

Ms Nicolson be thanked for her presentation;

WSROC write to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning inviting a representative to participate in the Salinity Working Party and the Salinity Management Project; and

WSROC write to the Minister for Land and Water Conservation and to the Department of Land and Water Conservation, to raise staffing and support issues.

Clr Cecilia Anthony/Clr Mark Greenhill
CARRIED

***MOVED** that business be suspended to deal with Late Item 1- Election of President*

Clr Mark Greenhill/Clr Ron Alder
CARRIED

LATE ITEM 1 - ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Clr Chris Bowen, before stepping down from the chair, paid tribute to the organisation, its Directors and staff. Clr Bowen said it was with regret that he was resigning as WSROC President. He had greatly enjoyed his time as President, and had found the challenges involved in the role stimulating and worthwhile. However it was becoming increasingly difficult to balance the workload of the WSROC Presidency, his increased responsibilities in his professional role and in his role on Council and other activities.

Clr Bowen, said that during his tenure as WSROC President he had tried to strengthen the organisation to ensure that WSROC is the premier voice of not just Western Sydney but also of any region in Sydney. He said that WSROC was now on a sounder financial footing. He has also tried to ensure that WSROC truly represents Western Sydney and it was a milestone when WSROC welcomed Auburn Council as a member – the region now better represents the boundaries of Western Sydney. He was disappointed that Bankstown Council had not made a decision to join WSROC, however he encouraged the new President to continue its lobbying to get Bankstown to join.

Clr Bowen said that WSROC has also developed a closer relationship with MACROC. There are fewer differences between the two and scope for a closer relationship. Whilst there are a number of things that have been started but not yet completed, Clr Bowen said he felt that he had achieved much of what he had set out to achieve as President. In terms of policy he felt great achievement in putting the Western Sydney Orbital on the agenda, even if people were not happy with its funding.

Clr Bowen thanked all the Directors and senior staff, not only for the professional support they had provided, but also for the friendship and sense of achievement they had built together. Clr Bowen thanked the Vice President and Treasurer, especially for the occasions when they had stood in for him. He thanked Mr Alex Gooding and all the staff at the WSROC Office for their support.

Clr Morrisey congratulated Clr Bowen on his approach to the position. He agreed that WSROC had developed many friendships and relationships, and was all the better for having had Clr Bowen as President.

MOVED *that in relation to the resignation of Clr Chris Bowen as WSROC President, that:*

Clr Bowen's resignation be accepted with regret;

an election for the position of WSROC President to serve the remainder of the term until the WSROC AGM in October 2001 be carried out in accordance with the Local Government Act, 1993, ie, according to Schedule 3 - Election of Mayor by Councillors, Local Government (Elections) Regulation 1993, and that Mr Roy Newsome of Liverpool Council act as returning officer; and

That further elections be held as required in accordance with the schedule outlined in (2) above to fill for the remainder of the term any vacancies arising if the Vice-President, Treasurer or member of the EMC are elected President;

Clr Ken Morrisey/Clr Danny Mackin
CARRIED

Clr Bowen declared the Presidential position vacant and called on Mr Roy Newsome, Returning Officer (in the absence of Liverpool Council's General Manager) to conduct the election.

The Returning Officer declared that one nomination was received for the position of President from Clr Mark Greenhill, (Blue Mountains Council). There being no other nominations, **Clr Mark Greenhill (Blue Mountains Council) was elected President.**

The election of Clr Greenhill meant that there was a vacancy in the position of Treasurer. The Returning Officer declared that two nominations were received for the position of Treasurer from Clr Claire O'Neill (Penrith Council) and Clr Margaret Ferrara (Baulkham Hills Council).

MOVED *that the election of Treasurer be held by secret ballot.*

Clr Ken Morrisey/Clr Albert Mooshi
CARRIED

Mr Gooding indicated to the Returning Officer and the meeting that two Directors were each holding a valid proxy for another Director; Clr Anthony was holding a proxy for Clr Wendy Waller (Liverpool) and Clr Ken Morrisey was holding one for Clr Mark Pigram (Holroyd). This being the case 17 ballot papers were distributed to the Directors.

On counting the votes, the Returning Officer declared that **Clr Claire O'Neill (Penrith Council) was elected Treasurer.**

The election of Clr O'Neill as Treasurer meant that there was a vacancy as Member of the Executive Management Committee. The Returning Officer declared that one nomination was received for the position of Member of the Executive Management Committee from Clr Danny Mackin (Blacktown Council). There being no other nomination, **Clr Danny Mackin (Blacktown Council) was elected as a Member of the Executive Management Committee.**

Clr Mark Greenhill then took the chair. Clr Greenhill paid tribute to the work done by the former President, Clr Chris Bowen and encouraged the Board to express its appreciation of Clr Bowen by acclamation.

5 MATTERS REQUIRING DECISION

5.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

5.1.1 Decommissioning of the Richmond RAAF Base (31002.01)

Clr Allan advised the meeting that the GROW-funded study referred to in the late item had been completed but not yet formally considered by Council and therefore was not yet available for discussion at this meeting. A report would be submitted to WSROC for further consideration at a future Board meeting.

***MOVED** that in relation to the GROW-funded study on the impacts of the decommissioning of the Richmond RAAF base that Hawkesbury Council be requested to provide further information.*

Clr Danny Mackin/Clr Albert Mooshi
CARRIED

5.1.2 Planning for Home-Based Business

***MOVED** that in relation to the home based business project that:*

The President and Executive Director be given delegated authority to approve a submission to the Department of State and Regional Development seeking funding for a regional survey of home based business and the preparation of model planning controls; and Member Councils be approached to determine interest in providing additional funding to support detailed surveys of home based business in their areas and for involvement in preparing model planning controls for home based business.

Clr Chris Bowen/Clr Albert Mooshi
CARRIED

The Executive Director said a recent survey in the Blue Mountains had been successful in identifying a surprisingly high number of home-based businesses and the number of households that actually have businesses. Very little information however is available about home-based businesses across the region.

Clr Bowen spoke in support of the recommendation. He said Fairfield had some significant experience in this issue. Council had been successful with the Fairwear campaign. One problem with home based business is that is hard to define good or bad home-based businesses.

Mr Luke Nichols said that the UWS had completed the survey for Blue Mountains Council which involved a mailout survey to all businesses. Based on this survey, it would cost about $1,000 per council area. In answer to a question, Mr Nicholls indicated that the response rate had been reasonably high, because the survey was anonymous, but may not be so good if names and addresses were sought.

Clr Allan queried the purpose for this survey. Mr Nicholls said that small business was a significant employer and it was important to discover how the employment market was working. Clr Allan said this will open a can of worms. Mr Nichols said this was a confidential approach stating that a good business is a good form of employment but WSROC won't necessarily want to encourage home-based businesses.

5.2 REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

5.2.1 Proposed Second Sydney Airport (32999.12)

The President said that WSROC had received correspondence from Senator Greig, Democrat transport spokesperson. He and the Western Sydney Alliance had adopted positions broadly similar to the resolution previously adopted by WSROC in response to the Federal Government's proposals.

Since the last EMC meeting WSROC had received a letter from Penrith Council, which was reproduced in the business papers, calling on the organisation to be even-handed in its condemnation of both the Government and Opposition's positions on the proposed airport.

MOVED *that in relation to the proposed second Sydney airport:*

1) *That WSROC write to the Federal Opposition, asking for a formal acknowledgment of WSROC's letter and a clear statement of their current policy on a second Sydney airport;*
   reiterating WSROC's opposition to the construction of a second airport anywhere in the Sydney basin;
   asking for the Federal Opposition to abandon support for an airport at Badgery's Creek and to join the campaign opposing a second airport anywhere in the Sydney basin; and
2) *In future media campaigns, WSROC be equally as diligent in condemning both the Federal Opposition's and Federal Government's position on BCA.*

Clr Claire O'Neill/Clr Danny Mackin

Clr O'Neill said that everyone was aware of the issues surrounding the proposed airport. WSROC had been persistent and active in its campaign to oppose any airport in the Sydney basin. Because of the coming Federal election WSROC needed to look at how we approach this issue. Whilst we have always directed lobbying both to the Government and Opposition, the latter haven't been too forthcoming. WSROC has focussed its attention on the Government because of its role but there was a need to focus now on the Opposition as well.

She proposed that WSROC write to the Opposition firmly reiterating our opposition to any second airport and asking them to clarify their position. Clr O'Neill said that WSROC needed to be as diligent in lobbying the Federal Opposition as much as we do the Federal Government.

Clr Egan queried the reason for the change in the wording of the resolution. Clr O'Neill said it was to ask the Federal Opposition to clarify what their position was, as this should be put on the record. Clr O'Neill said WSROC would like the Opposition to be upfront. Clr Egan requested an addition to the motion that any information received from the Opposition should be forwarded to the Board and member councils. The mover and seconder agreed to the amendment.

MOVED *that in relation to the proposed second Sydney airport:*

1) *That WSROC write to the Federal Opposition,*

   i. *asking for a formal acknowledgment of WSROC's letter and a clear statement of their current policy on a second Sydney airport;*
   ii. *reiterating WSROC's opposition to the construction of a second airport anywhere in the Sydney basin;*
   iii. *asking for the Federal Opposition to abandon support for an airport at Badgery's Creek and to join the campaign opposing a second airport anywhere in the Sydney basin;*
2) *In future media campaigns, WSROC be equally as diligent in condemning both the Federal Opposition's and Federal Government's position on BCA; and*

3) Upon receiving correspondence from the Opposition this be circulated to member Councils and Board members.

Clr Claire O'Neill/Clr Danny Mackin

Clr Ferrara requested that the first two resolutions from Penrith Council be included in the motion. The mover and seconder agreed to the amendment.

***MOVED** that in relation to the proposed second Sydney airport:*

1) That WSROC write to the Federal Opposition,

- i. asking for a formal acknowledgment of WSROC's letter and a clear statement of their current policy on a second Sydney airport;
- ii. reiterating WSROC's opposition to the construction of a second airport anywhere in the Sydney basin;
- iii. asking for the Federal Opposition to abandon support for an airport at Badgery's Creek and to join the campaign opposing a second airport anywhere in the Sydney basin;

2) In future media campaigns, WSROC be equally as diligent in condemning both the Federal Opposition's and Federal Government's position on BCA;
3) Upon receiving correspondence from the Opposition this be circulated to member Councils and Board members; and
4) WSROC note Penrith Council's resolution that Council has received the information in the WSROC Update Report and that Council endorses the work program and will support it where possible through Council's management plan and programs

Clr Claire O'Neill/Clr Danny Mackin
CARRIED.

5.2.2 Submission to the NSW Legislative Select Committee on Salinity (32201.01)

MOVED *that in relation to the NSW Select Committee on Salinity that:*

1) the submission to the Select Committee prepared under delegated authority be received and noted;
2) Councils be requested to table the WSROC submission at their general meeting, and note the issues raised;
3) WSROC make a presentation to the Senate Select Committee during the hearings in Western Sydney;
4) the WSROC Executive Director and Environment Spokesperson prepare a media release to raise the profile of Urban Salinity issues in Western Sydney; and
5) a copy of the WSROC submission be forwarded to all State and Federal members in the Western Sydney region to gather further support for the research and management of this issue in the region.

Clr Cecilia Anthony/Clr Margaret Ferrara
CARRIED

5.2.3 Environmental Management Strategy Forum (32037.03)

***MOVED** that in relation to WSROC's involvement in the organisation of the Environmental Management Strategy Forum in Western Sydney Environment Week (June 2001) be endorsed by the WSROC Board.*

Clr Cecilia Anthony/Clr Margaret Ferrara
CARRIED

5.2.4 Solid Fuel Heaters Promotion (32034.05)

***MOVED** that in relation to the solid fuel heaters promotion, that the WSROC Air Quality Reference Group proceed with the organisation of a media event for the promotion of the proper use of solid fuel heaters over Winter 2001.*

Clr Cecilia Anthony/Clr Ken Morrisey
CARRIED

Clr Anthony Anthony queried whether this was an annual campaign and whether WSROC knew how successful the promotion had been. Ms Julia Ryan said the promotion had been undertaken last year. Councils have done similar promotions and a number of Councils have noted a decrease in the number of complaints received.

Clr Morrisey said that Holroyd Council had conducted an extensive campaign by way of letterboxing and suggested that the Reference Group may like to liaise with Holroyd Council in relation to the type of material sent out to residents.

Clr Ferrara wanted more detail on the proposed media event and what costs would be involved. Ms Ryan responded that the Reference Group is discussing what kind of media event would be held, but one proposal was to involve Mayors of member Councils to promote the fact that all councils were working together. The Reference Group were also considering holding the event in conjunction with the Home Heating Association, perhaps at a store that sells solid fuel heaters, and also holding demonstrations of how to minimise pollution from the heaters as a media event.

Ms Ryan said the proposal was being developed in partnership with the EPA and would utilise pamphlets that have already been developed. The Reference Group was looking at preparing additional fact sheets on the impact on air quality of solid fuel heaters. The event would be held as cheaply as possible.

5.2.5 NSW State of the Environment Reporting (32037.01)

***MOVED** that in relation to the CANRI - SoE Direct Enhancement Project that WSROC:*

Investigate the possibility of providing Regional SoE data for the pilot project; and
Seek member Councils' permission to make their data available over the internet, via the WSROC server.

Clr Cecilia Anthony/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

5.3 HUMAN SERVICES & SOCIAL CAPITAL

5.3.1 Social Indicators *(33101.01)*

MOVED *that the proposed WSROC/UWS social indicators project be endorsed and the WSROC Social Planners Group and the TeamWest Human Services Social Indicators Working Party act as a resource group for the project.*

Clr Lorna Allan/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

5.3.2 Whose Place? Conference *(33003.01)*

MOVED *that the Whose Place? Conference recommendations be endorsed by the WSROC Board in their entirety, and that Chambers of Commerce, Mainstreet Committees and other "place management" projects be included in the list of agencies to be approached for Recommendation 2.*

Clr Claire O'Neill/Clr Albert Mooshi
CARRIED

5.4 STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT

5.4.1 Parramatta-Chatswood Rail Link *(35007.01)*

Clr Bowen declared an interest in this item and did not participate in discussion.

MOVED *that in relation to the Parramatta–Chatswood rail link that:*

the resolutions and the actions of the EMC regarding this matter be endorsed and WSROC reiterate its disappointment regarding the decision to construct the link in two stages and to delay completion;
information and, where appropriate, undertakings be sought from the Minister for Transport the Hon Carl Scully MP and the Parramatta Rail Link Company regarding the following:

> *An undertaking that the second stage will be completed prior to any other major rail projects;*
>
> *The timetable for completion of planning for the second stage;*
> *A proposed timetable for the construction of the second stage;*
> *An undertaking that the first stage be constructed in a manner that will facilitate later connection to the second stage with the minimum of disruption to rail services; and*
> *The revised timetable for the completion of the remaining projects in Action for Transport 2010;*

a presentation be sought from the Parramatta Rail Link Company on these matters for the next Board meeting; and

WSROC write to the Federal Government and Opposition and Western Sydney Federal MPs requesting that funding be provided by the Federal Government for the project through a "Building Better Cities" or similar program.

Clr Ken Morrisey/Clr Barry Calvert

Clr Morrisey said he would move the motion as tabled with an additional fourth point seeking Federal funding through a program similar to the previous "Building Better Cities" program.

Clr Ferrara supported the addition, saying that the Federal Government is able to provide funding to projects of national significance. She said there was also an issue with 2(i) of the motion, as Baulkham Hills Council saw the Epping to Castle Hill rail link as a high priority. It was important to note that Baulkham Hills had no railway line at all. She requested that this form part of the resolution.

Mr Barnes said that Parramatta Council was seeking a meeting with the Premier and was hopeful this would be organised within the next few weeks. If this motion is passed he said Parramatta would be pleased to invite the WSROC President to participate in the deputation. Clr Greenhill thanked Mr Barnes for the offer and requested that the WSROC Executive Director also be invited to participate.

Clr Morrisey suggested that in relation to Clr Ferrara's request that section 2(i) be amended to include reference to all rail projects. Mr Gooding said it was important to realise that a number of the rail projects outlined in *Action for Transport 2010* were not located in Western Sydney. Clr Morrisey said section 2(i) should refer specifically to Western Sydney projects. This amendment being acceptable to the Mover and Seconder became part of the motion.

> ***MOVED*** *that in relation to the Parramatta–Chatswood rail link that:*
>
> *the resolutions and the actions of the EMC regarding this matter be endorsed and WSROC reiterate its disappointment regarding the decision to construct the link in two stages and to delay completion;*
>
> *information and, where appropriate, undertakings be sought from the Minister for Transport the Hon Carl Scully MP and the Parramatta Rail Link Company regarding the following:*
>
> > *An undertaking that the second stage will be completed in conjunction with other Western Sydney rail projects with these to be constructed prior to any other major rail projects;*
> > *The timetable for completion of planning for the second stage;*
> > *A proposed timetable for the construction of the second stage;*
> > *An undertaking that the first stage be constructed in a manner that will facilitate later connection to the second stage with the minimum of disruption to rail services; and*
> > *The revised timetable for the completion of the remaining projects in Action for Transport 2010;*
> >
> > *a presentation be sought from the Parramatta Rail Link Company on these matters for the next Board meeting; and*
>
> *WSROC write to the Federal Government and Opposition and Western Sydney Federal MPs requesting that funding be provided by the Federal Government for the project through a "Building Better Cities" or similar program.*

Clr Ken Morrisey/Clr Barry Calvert
CARRIED

5.4.2 AHURI Research Submission (35999.12)

***MOVED** that in relation to the AHURI submission that:*

a submission be made to AHURI expressing the need for a greater focus on research into housing issues that effect Local Government policy making in Western Sydney and requesting that identified research topics be addressed through AHURI research funding;

WSROC formally approach member Councils to determine interest in funding partnerships with AHURI to research housing issues in Western Sydney; and

the Executive Director report back to the Board regarding the AHURI response to the WSROC submission on research topics.

Clr Jeff Egan/Clr Barry Calvert
CARRIED

5.5 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE & PARTNERSHIPS

5.5.1 Forum of Greater Western Sydney Mayors (36006.01)

Clr Allan said that although she supported the concept of further Mayoral Forums, she felt that the outcomes of the first Forum seemed to be very general. It was important that Councils work together through these Forums so that more substantial outcomes can be developed.

***MOVED** that WSROC acknowledge that the first Forum of Greater Western Sydney Mayors had been held and continue support for the process of holding Forums.*

Clr Lorna Allan/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

5.6 BUILT ENVIRONMENT & REGIONAL IMAGE

5.6.1 Urban Improvement Program – Expressions Of Interest For Innovative Urban Projects (37001.01)

***MOVED** that in relation to the Urban Improvement Program that:*

WSROC support in principle the submission of an expression of interest to the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning to fund a project for the provision of quality public space as an integral component of commercial centres in Western Sydney;

The President and Executive Director be given delegated authority to approve an expression of interest to DUAP for funding under the Urban Improvement Program and to conduct any ongoing negotiations with DUAP and relevant member Councils for detailed submissions;

A reference group be established to assist in this project that includes key public space user groups, regional stakeholders, appropriate Government Agencies and representatives from member Councils;

The President approach the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning and the Minister for Western Sydney to support the funding submission and to assist in the identification of additional funding opportunities to support this project; and

A detailed submission be made to the Board on the DUAP response to the expression of interest.

Clr Lorna Allan/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

6 UPDATE ON WORK PROGRAM & INFORMATION ITEMS

***MOVED** that the following reports and information items be received and noted.*

Clr Chris Bowen/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

6.1 LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY
6.1.1 WSROC Communication & Promotion Strategy (12001.03)
6.1.2 Comments attributed to Clr Ho, Strathfield Council, regarding Blacktown & Liverpool (11001.02)

6.2 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
6.2.1 Expenditure Warrant for the period 01/01/01 to 28/02/01
6.2.2 Year to date Expenditure Statement
6.2.3 Proposed Membership Fee Increase (26002.08)

6.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION
6.3.1 Affinity Marketing of Computers and Internet Access (31004.01)
6.3.2 Sydney West Marketing Board (31001.01)

6.4 REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
6.4.1 Integrated Water Monitoring Framework (32035.01)
6.4.2 Sustainable Water Usage in Western Sydney: Towards a Regional Approach (32035.03)
6.4.3 Regional State of the Environment Launch (32037.01)
6.4.4 Regional Environmental Management Strategy (32037.03)

6.5 HUMAN SERVICES & SOCIAL CAPITAL
6.5.1 Changes to childcare funding and women's labour force participation in Western Sydney (33201.01)
6.5.2 Community Development Support Expenditure Scheme (CDSE) (33004.02)

6.6 CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
6.6.1 Funding For Cultural Planners (34001.01)

6.7 STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT
6.7.1 Limits to Growth Working Group (35001.03)
6.7.2 Launch of the Floodplain Management Manual (35999.18)
6.7.3 IPART Inquiry into Passenger Transport Fares from 1/7/01 (35005.06)
6.7.4 SEPP 63 Major Transport Projects (35002.01)
6.7.5 Western Sydney Orbital (35008.04)
6.7.6 Tri-Government Blue Mountains Access Lobby Group (35008.01)
6.7.7 Road Safety Grants For Councils (25001.17)

6.8 BUILT ENVIRONMENT & REGIONAL IMAGE

6.8.1 Built Environment Seminar *(37001.01)*

6.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

6.9.1 Local Government Seminar *(41999.16)*

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

7.2 APPOINTMENT OF PROXIES TO WSROC BOARD MEETINGS

Legal advice received from Abbott Tout (who revised WSROC's constitution in October 1999) regarding the appointment of proxies to WSROC General and Ordinary Board meetings was tabled.

This advice indicates that whilst virtually anyone can hold a proxy at a General meeting (eg, an AGM), a Council can only give a proxy to its other Director to WSROC if a Director cannot attend. This is spelt out in Clause 15.8 of the WSROC Constitution, which was inserted with the intention of clarifying that this arrangement was possible. As this is the only clause describing proxy appointments to ordinary Board meetings, it has the effect of limiting the appointment method to that outlined in the clause.

As a result, the only person who can hold a proxy at an ordinary WSROC Board meeting if a Director is unavailable is that Council’s other Director. If neither Director is available, the Council concerned cannot be represented at all.

Terry Barnes questioned the assumption that there was an intention when the Constitution was revised to broaden the range of people to whom proxies could be given. He said that under the previous constitutional arrangements, which provided for two Alternates, there was sometimes a lack of continuity with Council representation at WSROC meetings. He was concerned that amending the Constitution so that anyone could turn up as a proxy would mean a return to that situation.

Mr Gooding said he agreed that the previous arrangements with Alternates had caused problems, especially as Alternates were often unable to attend at short notice. The removal of Alternates was agreed to ensure that Councils made an attempt to appoint a proxy if the Director was to be absent. The first preference was for the Council's other Director to be the proxy, but he believed that it was also intended that other Councillors could be appointed as proxies.

Clr Ferrara said that as WSROC is a Company Limited, corporations law applies to its operations and she understood that proxies may only be held by another Director of the organisation. This needed to be clarified.

MOVED *that in relation to the appointment of proxies to Ordinary Board meetings, that:*

the advice from Abbot Tout be received and noted and member councils be advised accordingly;
the changes proposed by Abbot Tout to clarify the appointment of proxies be referred to the

EMC along with any other issues arising from the first eighteen months operation of the new WSROC Constitution; and

the EMC be requested to prepare a set of amendments to the WSROC Constitution for consideration at a Special Board meeting to be convened in conjunction with a future Board meeting.

Clr Ken Morrisey/Clr Danny Mackin
CARRIED

7.3 AUSTRALIAN GREENHOUSE OFFICE

***MOVED** that in relation to the Australian Greenhouse Office, that WSROC write a letter to the Australian Greenhouse Office expressing the level of community and health care concerns over the improper use and maintenance of solid fuel heaters and requesting that the AGO investigate the possibility of an incentive scheme for home-owners who connect their home heating to gas.*

Clr Cecilia Anthony/Clr Lorna Allan
CARRIED

7.4 SYDNEY BID FOR INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

***MOVED** that WSROC support the Sydney bid for the International Sustainability Conference.*

Clr Barry Calvert/Clr Ken Morrisey
CARRIED

7.5 WESTERN SYDNEY ITEC

Clr Ron Alder said that the Western Sydney IteC have expressed an interest in addressing a future Board meeting to advise member councils on how they can assist them. Clr Alder said that Councils did not realise the range of services that IteC offered. Clr Morrisey suggested that General Managers also be invited to this meeting. Mr Gooding said they were always invited to Board meetings, but said that General Managers would be encouraged to attend this presentation.

***MOVED** that in relation to the WS IteC that a representative be invited to address a future Board meeting and that General Managers be encouraged to attend.*

Clr Ron Alder/Clr Danny Mackin
CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

8.1 REGIONAL CULTURAL PLANNING PROJECT (34001.01)

All WSROC staff other than the Executive Director and all Council staff other than the General Managers or their direct representatives present left the room for this item.

***MOVED** that in relation to the Regional Cultural Planning Project, that:*

The information regarding the project and Artwest Foundation's decision to give up its auspicing of the project be received and noted;

Artswest's proposal that the project's auspice be transferred to WSROC be supported in principle;

Subject to satisfactory negotiations between WSROC and WSAAS, the WSROC EMC be delegated authority to finalise the transfer of auspice and authorise advertising of the position; and

the resignation from the Artswest Board of WSROC's representative, Ms Barbara Gapps, be received and noted.

Clr Chris Bowen/Clr Albert Mooshi
CARRIED

9 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Clr Allan suggested that the Board reconsider venues for its meetings. Rather than rotating their location she suggested having a standard central venue for all meetings, such as Blacktown, which would make it easier for Directors from outer councils to attend. Clr Greenhill proposed that this be referred to the EMC for consideration.

MOVED *that the next meeting be held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 21st June, 2001 at Parramatta City Council.*

Clr Ron Alder/Clr Claire O'Neill
CARRIED

Alex Gooding
Executive Director

Clr Mark Greenhill
President

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Tourism Hawkesbury - 19 April 2001

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Sandstone Quarry - 21 April 2001

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR THE SANDSTONE QUARRY
SINGLETON ROAD, EAST KURRAJONG**

DA 365/90
DA 235/97

Date: Saturday 21 April 2001
Venue: Quarry site, Singleton Road, East Kurrajong

Present: Councillor Leigh Williams (Chaired the meeting)
David Stimson
Debbie Griffith
Grant Griffith
Michael Ryan
Peter Hrynevych
Pat Latta
Damien Milgate
John Pye

Apologies: Greg Hall
John Halpin

Time commenced: 10.05a.m.

1. **Previous minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting of 28 March 2001were adopted.

2. **Quarry inspection**

Members of the committee under the direction of Damien Milgate conducted a site inspection of the quarry. Damien provided information on:-

- general running procedures of the quarry,

- anticipated life expectancy, this is difficult to determine but the quarry activity would be concentrated on the areas already in use for extraction of blocks. A new application will be submitted within three years and this would better define the areas of extraction and provide reliable information of life expectancy,

- that the quarry had been in existence for approximately 25 years,

- use of the sandstone products for building works,
- methods used in the extraction of sandstone blocks,
- the means of cutting the sandstone.
- that quarry operations now focus on dimension stone rather than crushed stone for use in road base.

2. **General Business**

(i) Damien Milgate undertakes to provide an annual report on the operation of the quarry and proposed rehabilitation works to finished faces for the next 12 months. Damien advises that the report will be provided to Council for distribution to Committee members within 4 weeks,

(ii) Councillor Williams requests Damien Milgate to photograph the areas under rehabillitation every three months and provide the photographs to Council in order to assist in gauging the effectiveness of the rehabilitation works. Damien agreed to this request,

(iii) David Stimson requested information on the housing of the sandstone sawing equipment. Damien advises that it is a requirement of the consent to have buildings erected and it is also a requirements from Work Cover under occupational health and safety to have not only the buildings erected but amenities operational by no later than August this year. He advises that this will be done,

(iv) Councillor Williams requests that a copy of the minutes of each Committee Meeting for the quarry are included in Council's Business Paper.

3. **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is to be held at the Committee Room in the Council Administration Building, Windsor at 7p.m on Wednesday 25 July 2001.

4. **Meeting closed** – 11.20a.m.

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Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection Inc - 3 May 2001

Meeting Opened at 7.35pm

Committee Present: Mayor Rex Stubbs. (Chair) Michael Ginnings, Enid Colquhoun, Brian Jones, Anthony Hook, Margaret Ginnings, Lorna Hatherly, Clr Diane Finch, Clr Joan Woods, Clr Paul Rasmussen,

Members: Claire Paul, Laurie Wood.

Minute Taker: Alan Eagle.

Apologies: Dianne Lee-Gobbitt, Sheila Sharp, Clr Christine Paine, Roslyn Marks, Jim Marks, Bill & Beryl Wells.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the committee and members.

Minutes of the previous meeting: (5th April 2001)

Motion: That minutes of the 5th April be accepted.

Moved Clr Di Finch Seconded Michael Ginnings. Carried

Business Arising:

AP4.1 Changes to Artist Trail brochures - Completed.

Motion: Mr. Miller is allowed access to the Artist Trail Brochure on the 20th May , after the official launch of the brochure.

AP 5.0 Clr. Rasmussen and Michael Ginnings to meet with Mr. Miller to discuss the potential overlap between his general tours and our specific Hawkesbury Artist Trail tour.

Moved Clr Di Finch Seconded Clr Paul Rasmussen. Carried

AP4.2. Printing of Brochure is underway. (action point deemed to be completed)

AP4.3 Printer of Artist Trail Flyer.

It was reported that Moorcroft Printing would not be unhappy if FOHAC chose to make alternate arrangement for designing and printing of the flyer.

Motion: Michael Ginnings to source alternate printer.

Moved Clr Di Finch Seconded Clr Paul Rasmussen. Carried

AP4.4 Brochure – Front cover reduction - Completed

AP4.5 Catering- Completed.

Motion: The committee accepts the quotation ($431.78) for supply of wine for the launch.

Moved Clr Paul Rasmussen. Seconded Michael Ginnings: Carried

AP4.6 Vest for Artist trail – Completed

The committee thanked Tony for his idea.

AP4.7 Invitation – Completed.

1st Invitation gone out, 2nd invitation due out 11/5/2001, 34 Acceptances to date.

AP4.8 Media Release – Completed

Extra information sent to Cumberland Newspapers and Penrith Press, 50 other releases due to go to various non-press organisations.

AP4.9. – Availability of Projectors to be followed up , Michael Ginnings.

AP4.10. Artist Trail Maps – Completed.

AP4.11. Missing Painting to be reported on 7th June.

AP4.12 Richmond Stall confirmed for the 16th of June, Enid to contact people closer to date.

AP4.13 Artist Trail images to be used for heritage week. - Completed

AP4.14. Display at Hawkesbury Show – Completed

It was reported that 13,000 visitors passed through the Hawkesbury City Council display.

Art Competition conducted in conjunction with Hawkesbury Show.

Motion: That all credible entry to the Art Competition be given free entry to the Arthur Streeton Lecture to be held on the 19th May.

Moved: Michael Ginnings: Seconded Paul Rasmussen.

AP4.15 – In place of a letter to Deirdre Morrison, Prue spoke with her instead – Completed

AP4.16 – New Term Deposit created for six months with the existing bank. - Completed

Artist Trail Official Opening

Chief guest of honour will be Kerry Bartlett – Federal Member for Hawkesbury.

AP5.1 Hawkesbury City Council (mayor Rex Stubbs) to organise temporary sign for use at official opening.

Lunch: No MC, President to Welcome all at lunch.

Heritage Week (Artist Trail Promotion)

Michael reported that due to the late delivery from Council of the Trail images it was not possible to place promotion in Windsor library during Heritage Week itself. It is now on display in the library.

Acquisitions

Michael Ginnings presented a paper titled 'FOHAC Budgeting and Acquisitions'. Discussion proceeded with a view to ensure that proper procedures (budgeting and acquisitions) are in place. It was stressed that FOHAC needed to move toward annual budgeting. Proper planning will improve the outcomes for FOHAC.

Moved:: Michael Ginnings to design a survey to be sent to all members by the 10th May 2001. Members allowed 21 days to respond.

Moved Clr Di Finch, Seconded Enid Colquhoun. Carried.

AP5.2 Michael Ginnings to design a survey to be sent to all members by the 10th May 2001. Members allowed 21 days to respond.

Solander Boxes Deferred until 7th June

AP5.3 Margaret to report on Solander boxes next meeting. (7th June)

Restoration of 5 paintings

Enid gave an overview of the restoration process, security of paintings and the time taken to turn the restored painting around.

Costs were $65.00 per painting .

Motion: That the acquisition committee selects 5 works of art to be restored provided cost to restore them does not exceed $325. ($65 * 5) and that Enid delivers them to Canberra in the first week of June.

Moved: Clr Paul Rasmussen Seconded Clr. Di Finch.

AP 5.4. Acquisition committee to select 5 paintings and deliver them to Canberra for restoration by the 1st week of June.

AP5.5. Acquisition committee to create a priority list of FOHAC works of art in need of restoration.

AP5.6. Acquisition committee to consider restoration of 'Poplars below Windsor Bridge' work by Rod Shaw.

Beyond Federation Exhibition

The exhibition will be held on 31st August 2001 – 9th September 2001.

Brian Jones gave the committee an overview the work required to stage a successful exhibition and asked for assistance.

A sub committee was formed.

Brian Jones, Enid Colquhoun, Shelia Sharp, Tony Hook, Margaret Ginnings, Laurie Wood.

It was agreed to meet at Margaret's place on 23rd May 2001

AP5.7 Beyond Federation Exhibition to report progress at next meeting. (7th June)

Correspondence

Letter of Resignation from Dianne Lee-Gobbitt as publicity officer was accepted. Dianne will remain a valuable member of the committee.

Moved: That the letter be accepted

Moved Clr Paul Rasmussen, Seconded Michael Ginnings. Carried.

Enid Colquhoun will assist with the content of the Newsletter and Committee Members will undertake – until the AGM in August - the role of Publicity Officer. (Enid indicated that she will need help)

Treasurer's Report

Balance as at 31st April 2001

General Account	$2014.87
Grant	$9285.83
Donations Account	$302.74
Term Deposit (10/5)	$4522.76
Term Deposit (10/2001)	$5701.11

Motion: Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved by Tony Hook, seconded by Paul Rasmussen.

The following cheque was approved.

HCAC	$50.00 for Rent

Approval was given to expend a further $95.18 toward the Artist Trail Launch

Motion: That approval be given for HCAC and above amount.

Moved Tony Hook, seconded Clr Paul Rasmussen Carried.

Tony advised the committee that the outstanding balance of Artist Trail Grant was reported as $11,200

General Business

Registration of Business Name

Clr. Rasmussen reported that the Names Board had approved the registration of the "Hawkesbury Artists Trail … in the Steps of the Masters" name, and handed over the registration certificate to the Committee.

Motion: That the committee approves the reimbursement fee ($114) for registration of trail name fee.

Moved Tony Hook, Seconded Michael Ginnings. Carried.

Communication Problems

Michael Ginnings outlined some ongoing communication problems with some Hawkesbury City Council staff. The Chair reported although the new process was cumbersome it was working. A spirited discussion took place.

Borrowing FOHAC Property

Margaret reported that problems might occurr with members borrowing FOHAC property without the Committee's knowledge.

Motion: Requests for borrowing FOHAC property must be cleared by the FOHAC committee (minimum of 5 people) and if approved the request must be minuted.

Moved Michael Ginnings seconded Paul Rasmussen. Carried.

Museum and Art Gallery Development

Chairman Mayor Rex Stubbs gave an overview of the special meeting held on the 18th April 2001 at the Hawkesbury City Council to discuss the Museum and Art Gallery Development. He confirmed ICS would be consulting with FOHAC once they had conferred with the architect.

The Chairman also announced the winning architects.

Motion: FOHAC form a sub committee to work with the architects to ensure artistic ideas and user requirements are captured in the design and planning of the Art Gallery.

Moved Michael Ginnings, Seconded Clr Paul Rasmussen. Carried.

The sub committee to be:

Brian Jones, Enid Colquhoun, Greg Hansell, Paul Rasmussen, Laurie Wood.

AP5.8. A letter of thanks be forwarded to all councilors thanking them in assisting FOHAC establish a framework to move art forward in the Hawkesbury.

Moved Clr Paul Rasmussen, Seconded Tony Hook.

Motion: FOHAC form a sub committee to organise a thank you dinner for Councillors and for their historic and far sighted decision to increase the size and stature of the gallery to regional standard. All FOHAC members will be invited to attend this function.

Moved Michael Ginnings, Seconded Clr Paul Rasmussen. Carried

The sub committee is:

Brian Jones, Enid Colquhoun, Lorna Hatherly, Margaret Ginnings, Michael Ginnings.

The committee is to liaise with Clr Paul Rasmussen and Mayor Rex Stubbs.

It was suggested to hold the dinner on a Friday or Saturday night in June.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm and adjourned to the Council Chamber where the winning new library architectural concept drawings were viewed and lengthily discussed with Chairman Stubbs.

Next Meeting 07th June 2001 7.30pm

Hawkesbury City Council, Windsor

Minutes Secretary
Alan Eagle
12th May 2001

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Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee - 4th May 2001

Present: Clr Lorna Allan (Chairperson), Wing Commander Steve Richards, Ms Karen Lebsanft, Mr Bart Bassett, Mr Brian Lindsay, Mr Ted Books, Ms Vanda Whitworth and Mr Craig Dalli.

Also present: Mr Geoff Banting.

Apologies: Clr Barry Calvert, Mr Steve Benfield, Ms Ann Young and Mr Robert Calvert.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday 30th March, 2001, were confirmed.

Moved by Mr Ted Books, seconded Mr Bart Bassett.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Windsor Road Task Force - provided a copy of correspondence sent to the Premier urging the Government to include the necessary funding for the Windsor Road Upgrade in the forthcoming budget.

- State and Regional Development - outlining the activities and programs planned for May, being the Small Business Month.

- Clr John Griffiths - Mayor Baulkham Hills Shire Council - thanking HEDAC for acknowledging his contribution to the Windsor Road Upgrade Campaign and noting that they will continue with the campaign until the project is completed.

REPORTS

Creating Economic Development Through Innovative Local Government Seminar.

It was noted that the Local Government & Shires Association have agreed to hold the 'Creating Economic Development Through Innovative Local Government Seminar at the Windsor Function Centre on Wednesday 18th July, 2001.

It was subsequently recommended that the Committee cover the registration costs of HEDAC members participating in the Seminar and Committee Members are to advise the Executive Officer as soon as possible if they wish to participate.

Moved by Mr Brian Lindsay, seconded by Vanda Whitworth.

Review of Marketing Material

The Committee reviewed the current slide video produced by HEDAC in conjunction with the University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury, some five years ago and acknowledged that it is now dated as a marketing product.

The need for developing a marketing strategy for the region was identified and, accordingly, further information is to be provided on existing marketing focuses and strategies from the region, including tourism and agriculture. Accordingly, this information is to be reported to the next meeting with a view to establishing a marketing focus.

Moved by Brian Lindsay, seconded Bart Bassett.

North West Sector Transport

Council's Director of Environment and Development, Mr Malcolm Ryan, gave a presentation on plans for transport infrastructure improvements throughout Western Sydney.

It was acknowledged that the Windsor Road Upgrade Campaign is now in place and that City Rail is currently planning for rail network extensions to the Region through the proposed Castle Hill to Chatswood Line and link to Mungerie Park. It was suggested that this region needs to lobby for an extension from Mungerie Park to link up with the Richmond Line at Vineyard. In relation to road transport, it was noted that the operators of the M2 are currently tendering for an extension link to the Seven Hills Road/Old Windsor Road Roundabout and through to Sunnyholt Road as part of the overall Western Sydney Orbital. In this regard it was acknowledged that planning needs to be in place for managing traffic flows from the Windsor/Richmond area through Richmond Road and linking up to the orbital network. Advice was also provided that the Government does not intend developing the land acquired originally for Badgery's Creek Airport proposal, for any other use at this stage.

The information was received and noted and contact is to be made with WSROC to find out if there is a Task Force established for North West Transport Infrastructure and if not, request a task force be established with representation from the Hawkesbury Region.

Moved by Mr Bart Bassett, seconded Ms Karen Lebsanft.

Aerospace and Defence Industry Cluster Project

Representatives from PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Mr Robert Bourke and Mr Wayne Gregson, tabled the Draft Investment Prospectus and proposed Marketing Strategy for the Aerospace & Defence Industry Cluster Project.

The Draft Prospectus was received at this stage with committee representatives to review the document and forward any suggested additions/amendments for consideration at the next meeting. The Prospectus will also be subject to approval from the Department of Defence. In relation to the marketing strategy, the document was also received and is to be discussed with the Mayor, General Manager and proposed task force, particularly the suggested time frames.

Moved by Mr Brian Lindsay, seconded by Mr Bart Bassett

Tourism Infrastructure Investment Project

It was reported that a meeting was held on the 3rd May, 2001, with representatives from Baulkham Hills Council and GROW for the developing of a project with the objective of gaining an understanding of the circumstances that need to be in place to further develop and generate investment in the tourism industry within the North West Region, i e Baulkham Hills, Hawkesbury and Hornsby. The Committee supported the proposed regional tourism infrastructure investment project and resolved to recommend to Council the allocation of up to $10,000 in cash plus the support in kind of the Committee towards the project.

Moved by Wing Commander Steve Richards, seconded by Vanda Whitworth.

Home Based Businesses

The report on the Penrith Valley Home Based Business Project, being run by Penrith City Council in conjunction with the New South Wales Department of State and Regional Development, was received and noted.

Moved by Mr Ted Books, seconded by Mr Bart Bassett.

Traffic Management - North Richmond Commercial Area

Concerns were raised about the length of time it has taken to implement improvements in traffic management at North Richmond and, in particular, the intersection of Grose Vale Road and Bells Line of Road. Accordingly, it was resolved to invite Council's Director of Asset Services and Recreation, Mr Chris Daley, to the next meeting to provide a briefing on developments with this project.

Moved by Mr Bart Bassett, seconded by Ms Karen Lebsanft.

Tourism Hawkesbury

A report was tabled by the Tourism representative and the document will be circulated with the Minutes of the meeting.

Moved by Ms Vanda Whitworth, seconded by Mr Ted Books.
There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.30am and the next meeting will be held on Friday 1st June, 2001.

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Hawkesbury Sports Council - 11 May 2001

The meeting was declared open at 7.35 pm

Present: J. Scott, K. Pettet, C. Eilbeck, A. Carver, D. Thomas-Insch, N. Byers, D. Bertenshaw.

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

Apologies: G. Banting (HCC), L. Sheather, M. Sheather, J. Peare, T. Mackey, S. Lowe.

C. Eilbeck chaired the meeting as D. Bertenshaw will be arriving late due to prior commitment.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Resolved by J. Scott seconded by N. Byers
That the minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true record.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:
Hawkesbury Baseball - no response to date re Hills District charge for use of Bensons Baseball Grounds.
Resolved by K. Pettet seconded J. Scott
That a follow up letter be forwarded.

Kemsley Downs - request from Nth Richmond Cricket for re-naming of ground.
Resolved by N. Byers seconded by A. Carver
That a formal request be forwarded to HCC.

Finance:
Resolved by N. Byers seconded by K. Pettet
That the finance report be accepted.

Items Discussed:
17684 Hawkesbury Aussie Rules - defer to General Business.
17685 Hawkesbury Aussie Rules - defer to General Business.
17687 Hinchey & Cross - defer to General Business.

Resolved by N. Byers seconded by A. Carver
That the correspondence items 17675 to 17704 be received as per detailed breakdown provided at the meeting and available on request.

Office Report - Management Meeting 11th May, 2001

Tamplin Field Awning:
Due to a misunderstanding the awning was not taken a few metres further to cover the canteen opening. A verbal quote has been received for approx $900 to complete this work - written quote to follow.

Recommendation:
That the quote be accepted.
Resolved by D. Bertenshaw seconded by D. Thomas-Insch
That the quote be accepted.

Budget:
Our 2001/2002 budget application was approved by Council on Monday 7th May including an additional $89,701 on top of the usual CPI increases, this takes the operational total to $$472,035.39 and the capital works to $195,000. A letter has been faxed to all Councillors thanking them for their support.

Hawkesbury Grade Cricket:
At long last a decision has been made and all clubs are to remain in the NSW competition for the next two years at least. During this time an independent consultant will evaluate the situation and report back to NSW on his recommendations.

Presentations:
Our thanks to Hawkesbury Cricket Club for their invitations to the President & Administrator to attend their function last Friday night. Although the failure of NSW in advising their decision by the previous Wednesday caused much concern, the evening was very enjoyable and the enthusiasm and commitment of those in attendance was excellent.

My thanks also to Macquarie Towns Cricket Club for the invitation to attend their senior & junior presentations last Sunday. Despite the damp weather a good time was had by all and the youngsters were very excited with their medals and trophies. It was great to see so many young girls now playing cricket in fact in one team the boys were outnumbered 6 to 1.

The next presentations are the HDCA Seniors on the 19th May, HDCA Juniors on the 20th May and the North Richmond Cricket Club Juniors on the 26th May.

Finance:
Unfortunately we will have to bear the $2,337.50 cost of the plumbing repairs to the showers at Bensons Lane as the contractor was only required to re-connect the existing pipes to the tank, and the pipes that went into the pit were not included in his specifications.

We have also had to pay the $533.50 fencing repair cost for the damage done to Bensons Baseball fence by the digger from the Sydney Water project at the corner of Bensons Lane & Francis St. Sydney Water repaired the sewer line at their expense.

Discussions are currently taking place regarding who should pay for the approx. $2,000 fence repair to Glossodia Park which was caused by someone using a Council hired roller which had been left on site.

An invoice for $1,804 for vandalism to the Colonial amenities building has been referred back to HCC, as has an invoice for $220 for the hire of a tow truck to remove a bogged garbage truck at Bensons Softball.

Resolved by D. Bertenshaw seconded by N. Byers
That the office report be accepted.

HCC Meeting - Thursday 10th May, 5pm:

Present: G. Banting, C. Daley, G. McCully & D. Bertenshaw.

Apologies: D. Tait.

Business:

Colbee: Roadbase in carpark areas - **underway delayed because of weather**
Fencing & gates near BMX track- **delayed because of weather**
Safety sign - R. Vaby to organise - has it been ordered?
Cleaning of drain - CD to organise **- when groundwork completed**
Can HCC get the road verge slashed and rubbish removed so our mowing contractor can mow it? - C. Daley to check & fix.

Woodlands: Should be completed early next week per P. Wesley-Smith **- o.k.**

Colonial: Some soil has been delivered. Windsor Rugby League are to spread as much as necessary to fix pot holes - balance to be laser levelled at end of winter per R. Vaby **- o.k**.

Hanna Park: Anticipated commencement date - **2 weeks.**

Skate Park: To be determined at what HCC meeting - **GPC 29th May, 2001**

Richmond G/Stand: Contract signed, work to commence Tuesday 15th May, anticipated completion date 19th June (per John Menken) **- o.k.**

Colonial Lights: Have spoken to contractor and when the report is received from John Menken he will meet with him on site to discuss any problems - **o.k.**

McQuade Light: Hawkesbury Rugby Union have been issued with a warning regarding the illegal installation, a copy of the warning has been given to John Elphick for Council's records **- o.k.**

Richmond Club: Have spoken to Barry Adams who said at this stage he has not been contacted by Garry regarding the land between the carpark & the softball grounds. Is this going to be a possibility or should we just forget about it? **- G. McCully to contact him**

Turnbull Oval: Can HCC repair two holes in the access road, just inside the gate from Terrace Road - **C. Daley to organise.**

Martec Invoice: Apparently the contract for the sewer connection to Bensons Cricket only required the connection of existing drainage pipes to the tank, not the old ones going into the pit. I have discussed this with Peter Wesley-Smith and the Sports Council will have to pay the account so I will include this payment in our next HCC cheque - **o.k.**

Icely Tree: Has order been issued for it's removal, refer our letter of 9th March - **HCC to inspect the tree.**

Mileham Trees: Have Council reconsidered their refusal of tree root barriers, refer our letter of 9th March - **HCC to inspect trees and report back to next meeting.**

Resolved by D. Bertenshaw seconded by N. Byers
That the HCC report be accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Hawkesbury Australian Rules:

17684 HARFC - Response to items in General Business section of last months meeting:
As this is a 3 page letter, major points are;
i) apologies for non attendance at last meeting due to previous commitment,
ii) they now have only 1 management committee instead of two,
iii) they would have been happy to develop Bensons 3 but as they thought they wouldn't get HCC approval for a new amenities building, they have changed their mind,
iv) they intend to develop a new forward plan,
v) their two year plan as listed was correct on all points excepting that "it now goes off the rails when it comes to the completion of the amenities building",
vi) they will be happy to meet with HCC staff regarding the upgrading of the downstairs canteen to meet acceptable standards,

17685 Hawkesbury Aussie Rules - response to conditions imposed by the HSC:

Resolution from previous meeting:
That as a decision has not been made on the future of Hawkesbury Grade Cricket, permission be granted to HARFC for the use of the Owen Earle Oval for juniors this season only following written acceptance by the full committee of the following conditions.

a) That this permission is only for this season pending the cricket outcome,
Response: The HARFC sincerely hope that Hawkesbury are not pushed out of the Sydney Grade Competition. In the event that they remain part of the competition, HARFC will continue to request the use of the Owen Earle Oval for our junior players. We refer to the FOREWARD of the HSC Users Guide and quote "The Council has given the responsibility care, control and management of these facilities to the Hawkesbury Sports Council Inc. to not only provide quality facilities, but to **have facilities fully utilised".**

We refer to clause 2.1 Allocation of Sports Grounds, **"Grounds are allocated on a preferred previous user basis".**

b) **Payment prior to usage of the last two seasons consumable levies,**

Response: The committee of the HARFC agrees to bring all outstanding debts to the HSC into line prior to the middle of May, 2001. This will include consumable levies for the last 2 seasons, consumable levy for season 2001 and also ground hire fees for season 2001.
Comment: ***Payment of the 2001 winter ground hire fee only was received on Tuesday 8th May.***

c) **Wet weather ground closures to be the decision of the Bensons Lane Caretaker,**

Response: The committee of the HARFC agrees to comply with clause 5.6 of the users guide, which refers to Wet Weather. "Hirers are expected to make their own assessment if conditions warrant, and choose not to play if there is significant chance of damage to the ground surface or injury to persons".
In the event of damage to the ground, the HARFC will undertake to pay for the cost of repairs.
Comment: ***They left out the part that states that the HSC reserves the right to close grounds at*** **short notice, if weather conditions dictate such action and any hirer found using grounds whilst wet will be liable for the full cost of repairs and may forfeit their hire rights and will be responsible for any insurance claims resulting from such use.**

d) **Strict adherence to all aspects of the ground hire policy,**
Response: Agreed.
Comment***: Beer in glass containers in the canteen.***

e) **Consumable levy to include all players in all teams using Bensons as a home ground,**
Response: Agreed.
Comment: ***Phone call received Friday 11th May requesting information on what the consumable levy is for.***

f) **Unauthorised use of BL for games other than the schedule provided to be approved by the Sports Council,**
Response: Agreed.
Comment: ***Frantic phone calls from NSW PSSA regarding a 3 day booking they claim they made for Bensons Lane 1 & 2 Aussie Rules grounds for the end of this month. They have now provided the appropriate application form, it has been approved and they have been invoiced for 3 days casual ground hire plus 3 days casual canteen hire.***

g) **Clarification of the number of registrations from outside the area in teams using Bensons as a home ground,**
Response: This information will be provided by Monday 30th April.
Comment***: Phone call only received Friday 11th May asking what type of information is required, eg names/address's or just numbers of how many from outside the H.L.G.A.***

h) **Clarification as to why 5 of the 28 clubs listed as playing at Bensons (8 games & 1 tba) are not listed as having reciprocal home grounds,**

Response: This is because in some cases we only play that particular team once in the season.
That may be played at home or in some cases the game may be played away.
It just depends on the draw, which is very complex to prepare.

Resolved by D. Bertenshaw seconded by N. Byers
That a letter be forwarded to HARFC listing the outstanding items and advising that they have 1 week to respond or they will lose the use of the Owen Earle Oval. Also that only correspondence signed by Jim Allan or Paul Hibbins will be accepted.

2. **Woodlands Park Storage:**

As the amenities building has now been upgraded and in line with our capital works programme, a quote has been received from Hinchey & Cross ($29,589) for the extension and alterations of the old canteen to turn it into a storage area for cricket & soccer's equipment.

Recommendation:

That the quote be accepted.

Resolved by N. Byers seconded by D. Thomas-Insch
That 2 additional quotes be arranged and the work proceed subject to prices obtained.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm
Next meeting - Friday 8th June.

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Local Traffic Committee - 18 May 2001

Present: Councillor P Davies (Chairman)
Mr M Pace, Roads & Traffic Authority
Mr J Christie, Office of Mr J Anderson, MP
Senior Constable G Schmahl, NSW Police Service

Apologies: Mr R Elson, Department of Transport
The Hon K Rozzoli, MP

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 20 April 2001 were confirmed.

2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

3 Correspondence

3.1 Hermitage Road, Kurrajong - Reduction of Speed Limit - Roads & Traffic Authority 804/R Pt4

In response to Council's resolution made on 11 April 2000, advising that the speed limit on Hermitage Road, Kurrajong between Bells Line of Road and Mountain View Close is to be reduced to 60 KPH.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

3.2 Various Roads - Bicycle Week 2001 Promotion - Hawkesbury City Council Bicycle Steering Committee GR030/007 Pt3

Advising of a promotional event to be held on 30 September 2001 as part of Bicycle Week, 2001 entailing a group of cyclists towing a motor vehicle and traversing the following route:

a) Marshal on the northern side of Fitzgerald Street, Windsor at its intersection with George Street at 9.45am;

b) George Street;

c) Richmond Road/Windsor Street; and,

d) Park on Windsor Street, Richmond at its intersection with West Market Street for subsequent dispersal.

An alternative proposal has been orally advised namely that this event be incorporated within the Carnivale street parade to be held on Sunday 16 September 2001. The route will still traverse George Street and Richmond Road/Windsor Street but turn right at Bourke Street, thence Francis Street to Chapel Street and merge with the Carnivale street parade.

Report

1 "No Stopping" signage exists on Fitzgerald Street at its intersection with George Street;

2 Richmond Road/Windsor Street to either Bourke or East Market Streets are classified Main Roads and include traffic signals; the applicant will be required to submit a Traffic Management Plan and a Traffic Control Plan to AS1742.3 standard to the Transport Management Centre, Roads & Traffic Authority.

Recommendation

That no objection be held to the proposed event subject to compliance with the following conditions:

1 the applicant obtaining temporary exemption from parking restrictions on Fitzgerald Street at its intersection with George Street, and, if needed, Windsor Street, Richmond at its intersection with West Market Street;

2 the applicant submitting a traffic management plan and traffic control plan to AS1742.3 to the Traffic Management Centre, Roads & Traffic Authority;

3 the applicant obtaining approval from the NSW Police Service and complying with any conditions imposed by that Service.

3.3 St James Road, Vineyard - Traffic Conditions - Mrs M Durkovic, 1930/R Pt2

Advising of both excessive number and speed of vehicles using St James Road, Vineyard following the opening of a swim school.

Report

1 St James Road runs parallel to the southern side of the railway line for a distance of approximately 900 metres, then takes a 90 degree left hand bend for a further 100 metres; average pavement width is approximately five (5) metres; neither street lighting nor speed restriction signage is present, making the effective speed limit 100 kph;

2 the swimming centre is located on the outside curve of the 90 degree bend;

3 traffic counts were undertaken during 5-11 April 2001 with the following results (Weekly ADT):

Eastbound		**Westbound**	
No of vehicles	**85% Speed (kph)**	**No of vehicles**	**85% Speed (kph)**
110	59	107	66

4 maximum recorded speeds: 90 kph eastbound, 85 kph westbound;

5 with regard to volume of vehicles using St James Road, it is felt that current volumes are consistent with vehicle movements in a residential street;

6 given the pavement width, it is felt that the speed restriction should be reduced to 60 kph.

Recommendation

That the Roads & Traffic Authority be requested to reduce the speed limit on St James Road, Vineyard to 60 kph.

3.4 Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong - Kurrajong Small Business and Community Forum Scarecrow Committee. GC030/007 Pt 07.

The Kurrajong Small Business and Community Forum Scarecrow Committee is holding its annual Scarecrow Festival on Sunday 21 October 2001. It is requesting permission to close a small section of Old Bells Line of Road along the Memorial Park frontage from the intersection of Old Bells Line of Road and Grose Vale Road so that it can put stalls along the road.

Last year the stalls were along the edge of Memorial Park which made it very difficult for elderly people to negotiate the slope in the park, as well the crowds were spilling over onto the road.

Recommendation

That no objection be held to the application subject to the applicant complying with the following standard conditions:

1 the applicant notifying all residents and businesses affected by the proposed road closure;

2 access being maintained for residents and their visitors;

3 access for emergency vehicles being maintained;

4 all traffic controllers are to hold current accreditation from the Roads and Traffic Authority;

5 the applicant obtaining approval from the NSW Police Service and complying with any conditions imposed by that service;

6 the applicant submitting a Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan to AS1742.3 standard to the Roads and Traffic Authority; and,

7 submission of a Public Liability Policy, indemnifying Hawkesbury City Council in an amount not less than $10,000,000 (ten million dollars).

4 Reports

4.1 Christie Street - Traffic Flow - 0351/R Pt2

As part of the overall redevelopment of the old Hawkesbury Hospital site, as well as providing substantial parking facilities beneath the new library/commercial building, it is proposed to provide additional parking in Christie Street by changing the parallel parking on the old hospital side of the street to 90 degree parking in conjunction with altering the traffic flow to a one way movement from George Street towards Macquarie Street.

Whilst it may be argued that this proposal would restrict access to Christie Street, the only additional restriction would be the left turn into Christie Street from Macquarie Street as the right turn movement from Macquarie Street into Christie Street has been removed for some time. Access to George Street from the south is still readily available from other streets to the south including Richmond Road and Brabyn Street.

The one way movement from George Street to Macquarie Street will also be consistent with the flood evacuation route for South Windsor which is currently via the railway crossing in Cox Street, Moses Street, Tebbutt Street, George Street, Christie Street, Macquarie Street and then onto the new evacuation route via Day Street.

Recommendation

That the appropriate procedures be undertaken with a view to altering the traffic flow in Christie Street to a one way movement from George Street to Macquarie Street, with 90 degree rear to kerb parking being provided on the northern side of Christie Street, with that parking restricted to 2 hours between the hours of 8.30am - 6.00pm Monday to Friday/8.30am - 12.30pm Saturday.

5. Questions Without Notice

Mr J Christie

5.1 Advised of apparent need for a designated bus zone on Londonderry Road, Richmond in the vicinity of the entrance to the Richmond Campus, University of Western Sydney.

Recommendation

That a designated bus zone be installed at this location in consultation with the local bus company.

Mr M Pace

5.2 Advised of a fund-raising event to be held in August 2001 traversing Main Roads within the Local Hawkesbury Government area, and comprising a single cyclist and support vehicle; road closures will not be necessary nor will the event generate unusual traffic conditions.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Councillor P Davies

5.3 Advised of representations received from Kurrajong North Public School advising, amongst other maintenance issues, of incorrect school times on School Zone signage in proximity to the School.

Recommendation

That the Roads & Traffic Authority be requested to alter School zone signage to reflect correct School times.

5.4 Advised of representations received from the Hon K Rozzoli regarding traffic conditions in the vicinity of Spinks and Creek Ridge Roads, Glossodia, particularly the speed of vehicles.

Recommendation

That traffic counts be undertaken at this location.

6. Next Meeting

6.1 The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held at 10.00am, 15 June 2001.

Meeting terminated at 11.15am.

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