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ITEM: 18 **South Creek - Proposed Dual Naming**

FILE NUMBER: GR060/006 PT7/GMA/IND23NAX.G01

REPORT:

The Geographical Names Board have written advising they have received a proposal to rename "South Creek" to its original name of "Wianamatta Creek". The proposal has the support of some councils and other organisations such as the South Creek Catchment Management Committee and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Trust.

The Board considered the matter and resolved that as "South Creek" was a name of long standing it should not be lost.

In recent times the Board has worked closely with stakeholder organisations to develop a policy on dual naming. The policy is now in place and the Board has approved the advertising of the first dual naming proposal of a geographical feature.

The Board will consider the name "Wianamatta Creek" at its April meeting, following which it may approve the advertising of the proposed dual naming for public comment.

At this stage the Board is advising the Council of the current position and does not require any comment unless the Council so wishes.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information from the Geographical Names Board about the possible dual naming of "South Creek" be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 19 **Skateboard Facilities - Windsor**

FILE NUMBER: GR030/011 Pt4/ENG/IND23NBX.E04

PREVIOUS ITEM: 37, GPC Section 2 - Infrastructure (31.07.2001)

REPORT:

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 14 August 2001 resolved that:

- “1 Council support, in principle, a skateboard facility in the South Windsor/Bligh Park area in consultation with the stakeholders, being possible users and youth workers.*
- 2 A proposal for various sites be prepared and reported to Council and to be used as the basis for community consultation with the residents involved.*
- 3 The funding sources to construct this facility also be reported to the General Purpose Committee.”*

A report considering various locations in the South Windsor/Bligh Park area was reported for Council's consideration at the General Purpose Committee meeting of 31 July 2001 and this report is reproduced below for Council's further consideration.

“A number of sites have been investigated within the Bligh Park/South Windsor area for the location of a somewhat smaller skateboard facility than that which is proposed for North Richmond. The estimated cost of this facility is in the order of \$70,000. A small group of enthusiasts accompanied by Councillor Paine have met with staff and a consultant skateboard facility designer and have generally agreed with the proposed size and scope of this facility within the South Windsor/Bligh Park area.

Tiningi Community Centre - Rifle Range Road Bligh Park

The location identified is adjacent to the outdoor basketball court at the Tiningi Community Centre at the intersection of Rifle Range Road and Porpoise Crescent. Whilst this site would provide reasonable access from the Bligh Park area it has some disadvantages in that it is remote from the rest of South Windsor, does not have access to public amenities and is in close proximity to houses in Porpoise Crescent and Whitton Place. It was also recently observed when the mobile skate ramp was in this location that a dramatic increase in vandalism occurred to the community centre to such an extent that it is proposed that the mobile unit not be provided at this location in the future.

Colonial Reserve

The site investigated at this location was on the north-eastern extremity of the playing field at the intersection of Colonial Drive and Guardian Crescent. The site is similar in terms of access as the Tiningi site, however, has disadvantages in its proximity to houses in Guardian Crescent and Colonial Drive, no access to public amenities, is immediately adjacent to the baseball field which may affect the participants of that sport and it is an area which is subject to a high degree of vandalism.

Cox Street - adjacent to the Oasis Carpark

This site was investigated as part of the Pool Park management plan development and while it has some proximity to South Windsor residents it is not readily accessible to the residents of Bligh Park. There is access to public amenities, however, it is considered that the site is isolated particularly when the Oasis Centre is not operating and there were objections from both the Oasis and the Windsor Golf Club when it was exhibited as part of the plan of management process. In relation to the plan of management for the Park, it was identified that alternative locations were to be investigated for the provision of a skate park.

Public Reserve cnr of Bell and George Streets

This site has not been previously promoted as a site for a skate park facility, however, it does have a number of features which are considered to be attractive as a location for such a facility. It is close to public transport, both in terms of rail and bus services, public toilets are available at Windsor Station, South Windsor Shopping Centre is in close proximity and it is a highly visible location in terms of passing traffic. The disadvantages are that it is not close to Bligh Park, it is relatively close to residences in Bell and George Streets and it would be expected that the adjacent cemetery would be vandalised."

It is considered that either the Bell Street/George Street, or Cox Street location would have least impact on neighbouring residences. It is suggested that both these sites be progressed in terms of the preparation of development applications along with the normal community consultation required as part of that process. A final decision could be then made for a preferred site based on the results of the DA process.

In terms of funding, there is currently \$13,000.00 which was identified previously for this project and a further \$20,000.00 from the NSW Sport and Recreation Capital Assistance Grant. If Council wishes to pursue this project it will be necessary to reprioritise the Capital Works Program to provide the additional \$37,000.00 required.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Bell Street/George Street and Cox Streets sites be progressed through a Development Application process with a final decision regarding the preferred site being determined as part of that process.
2. The 2002/2003 Capital Works Program be reprioritised to provide \$37,000.00 (thirty seven thousand dollars) towards the development of a skate park in the South Windsor/Bligh Park area.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 20 **Conservation Management Plan - Richmond and other Macquarie Town Parks**

FILE NUMBER: PK/021 PT2, PK/202 PT10, PK/203 PT16, GH020/105
PT2/ENG/IND23NBX.E03

REPORT:

The Heritage Advisory Committee has been recommending to Council for some time that a conservation management plan be developed for Richmond Park, in particular and more lately the other two Macquarie Town parks within the City, that is, McQuade Park and Wilberforce Park.

The Conservation Plan as described in the National Trust Book by James Semple Kerr, is at its simplest a document which sets out what is significant in a place and, consequently, what policies are appropriate to enable that significance to be retained in its future use and development. For most places it deals with the management of change. Conservation is about the care and continuing development of a place in such a way that its significance is retained or revealed and its future is made secure. The objective of the Conservation Plan is to set out how that aim may best be achieved.

Professor Ian Jack, a member of the Heritage Advisory Committee advises that the significance of a park created in 1810 by Governor Macquarie, such as those at Windsor, Wilberforce and Richmond, has to be identified and documented. Changes in use such as markets, grazing, cricket, open space and war memorials have to be established. Plantings, buildings, fencing and the pathways all have historical and aesthetic significance and the whole park has had significance for the local community in various ways for 190 years.

The fabric, history and usage are assessed, and the level of significance, local or state, is established. The Conservation Management Plan then analyses the implications of the assessed significance, making clear which elements of the park are of outstanding importance and what makes them important within the township. Strategies for continuing to plan suitable uses of the park are developed so that management of changes can be planned by Council on the basis of the best understanding of the processes which underlie the present park.

It is understood that the cost of developing a Conservation Management Plan for the three parks could be in the vicinity of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.000. Discussions with the Heritage Office indicate that an incentive grant on a dollar for dollar basis of up to \$2,500.00 could be available to assist with the preparation of the plans. On this basis Council would still be required to provide funding of up to \$17,500.00 for the project. It is felt that the matter should be considered as part of the overall budget preparation process.

A copy of Professor Ian Jack's document, *Richmond Park: an Historical Sketch* is attached to the report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the three Macquarie Town Parks within the City area, namely, Richmond Park, McQuade Park and Wilberforce Park be considered in the formulation of the 2002/2003 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Copy of *Richmond Park: an Historical Sketch*

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ITEM: 21 **Capital Assistance Programme 2001/2002 - NSW Department of Sport and Recreation**

FILE NUMBER: GG021/172/ENG/IND23NBX.E05

REPORT:

The NSW Department of Sport and Recreation has completed the eligibility assessment of all projects submitted under the 2001/2002 Capital Assistance Program.

Of the five applications submitted, four have been supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation with a total of \$59,750 funding being allocated by the Department to projects in Hawkesbury. The amount of funding is \$27,959 more than the previous year.

Applicant Organisation	Purpose of Grant	FINANCE				
		Grant Applied For	Contribution From Organisation (Applicant)	Requested from Council	Requested from Sports Council	Total Project Cost (including GST)
Hawkesbury Sports Council	To implement training lights at Bensons Lane	\$24,750	\$29,700			\$54,450
Hawkesbury Leisure Centre, Oasis	To construct a shade structure	\$8,000	\$10,000			\$18,000
The Vines Pony Club	Show jumping arena upgrade	\$7,000	\$9,038			\$16,038
Hawkesbury City Council	Skate Park, Bligh Park	\$20,000	\$50,450	\$50,450		\$70,450

RECOMMENDATION:

That the 2001/2002 Capital Assistance Grants be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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