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Councillor Lorna Allan, Councillor Glenys Gilling, Councillor Les Sheather and Councillor (Dr) Rex Stubbs:

Expulsion from Council Committee and Ordinary Meetings

That Mr Neville Diamond of Turramurra, for continuous acts of disorder including the making of personal reflections and imputing improper motives, be expelled from all Council Committee and Ordinary Meetings for the remainder of this term of the Council (until October 2003).

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Ordinary Meeting - 10 December 2002

Councillor D Finch, Councillor B J Calvert and Councillor L Williams:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that we wish to rescind Council's resolution of 12 November 2002 in relation to Item 95, Environment and Development, Rural Shed - Lot 1 DP733243, 457 East Kurrajong Road, East Kurrajong (MA1305).

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AGENDA

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- **SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT.**
- **SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- **SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES.**
- **NEXT MEETING.**

Report of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 26 November 2002, 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, P R Rasmussen, L C Sheather, L A Williams, and C J Woods.

Apologies for were received from Councillors C A Paine, P F Davies, K F Conolly and G J Gilling, who would be arriving late to the meeting.

Councillor Paine arrived at the meeting at 10.00am
Councillor Gilling arrived at the meeting at 10.09am
Councillor Conolly arrived at the meeting at 12.55pm
Councillor Woods left the meeting at 3.32pm
Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 3.47pm
Councillor Williams left the meeting at 4.14pm
Councillor Woods returned to the meeting at 4.25pm
Councillor Davies arrived at the meeting at 4.48pm

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Allan and seconded by Councillor Sheather 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 22 October 2002, be confirmed.

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

MAYORAL MINUTE

Introduction of the Blacktown to Richmond Nightride Service

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

104: Proposed Library, Gallery, Commercial Premises and Cafe - 320 George Street, Windsor (MA1592/01/EVD/ENK26NAX.V02)

Mr Brian McKinlay and Mr Trevor Devine respondents, addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

A. That the proposed development be approved subject to the following conditions:

General

1. To confirm and clarify the terms of this approval, the development shall take place in accordance with the plans submitted with the application, as amended in red and as modified by these further conditions.
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) a local telecommunications carrierregarding 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. The applicant shall make themselves aware of the Discrimination Against People with Disabilities Act (DDA) in order to assess their responsibilities and liabilities with regards to the provision of access for all people.
7. Council must be consulted regarding acceptable discharge limits to the sewerage system. A Trade Waste Agreement must be entered into with Council prior to discharge of trade waste from the premises.

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. Construction of civil works including road, drainage, access, or sewer works are not to commence until three (3) copies of the plans and specifications of the proposed works are submitted to and approved by the Director Asset Services and Recreation or an accredited certifier.
9. Arrangements are to be made for the provision of common drainage and the disposal of drainage from the site. Where the disposal of drainage involves the provision of drains across land owned by others, drainage easements of adequate width shall be provided for which documentary evidence must be submitted.
10. Design and construction of site drainage shall be carried out in accordance with the Council's Development Control Plan Appendix E. Full details of works shall be submitted for approval with the Construction Certificate.
11. Submission of any necessary approvals from the Roads and Traffic Authority for the proposed service vehicle exit into Macquarie Street.
12. Payment to Council of all necessary sewer headworks contributions.
13. Submission to Council of a detailed landscaping plan.

Prior to Commencement of Works

14. Sanitary accommodation shall be provided for workmen throughout the course of the building operations in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Environment Planning and Assessment Act.
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.
16. 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.

17. 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.
18. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contract number of the principle certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 2(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997.

During Construction

19. All building work must be carried out in accordance with provisions of the Building Code of Australia.
20. 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) foundations;
 - (d) steel reinforcement;
 - (e) 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;
 - (f) wet area flashing, after the installation any bath and shower fixtures;
 - (g) internal drainage lines prior to covering;
 - (h) external drainage lines, prior to backfilling;
 - (i) fire hose reels;
 - (j) on completion of the structure.
21. All trucks entering or leaving the site shall have their trays suitably covered to prevent spillage from the truck onto the road.
22. Dust control measures, eg vegetative cover, mulches, irrigation, barriers and stone shall be applied to reduce surface and airborne movement of sediment blown from exposed areas.
23. Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material capable of being moved by running water to be stored clear of any drainage line, easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface.
24. All reasonable measures shall be taken to protect all other vegetation on the site from damage during construction.

25. 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.
26. 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.
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. The provision of conduit/ducts under new driveways to the requirements of Integral Energy, in accordance with Integral Energy drawing 049759H dated 14/7/1987. Conduit and ducting material is available from Integral Energy.
29. All civil work must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Hawkesbury DCP Appendix E.
30. The construction of Council's standard heavy duty footway and layback vehicular crossing to the development in accordance with Council's requirements.
31. Removal of the existing redundant layback crossing and replacement with concrete kerb and gutter and the restoration of the footway area.
32. Any building or part thereof to be used for the purpose of storage, preparation or sale of food for human consumption shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Food Act 1989 and Regulations thereunder and Council's Food Premises Code.

Prior to Issue of Occupation Certificate

33. 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.
34. An occupation certificate is to be obtained on completion of all works and prior to commencement of the approved use. The occupation certificate will not be issued if any conditions of this consent are outstanding.
35. 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.
36. In order to ensure on-site car parking and loading facilities are utilised, exit/ entrance points are to be clearly signposted and visible from both the street and site at all times.

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

- (a) A section 73 Compliance Certificate under the Sydney Water Act 1994 must be obtained. Application must be made through an authorised Water Servicing Coordinator, for details see the Sydney Water web site www.sydneywater.com.au/customer/urban/index or telephone 13 20 92.

Following application a "Notice of Requirements" will be forwarded detailing water and sewer extensions to be built and charges to be paid. Please make early contact with the Coordinator, since building of water/sewer extensions can be time consuming and may impact on other services and building, driveway or landscape design.

The Section 73 Certificate must be submitted to the Principle Certifying Authority prior to release of the linen plan/occupation of development.

- (b) 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.

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

Use of the Site

39. Any lighting on the site is to be directed in such a manner so that no nuisance is caused to adjoining properties or to drivers on surrounding streets.
40. The subject development, including landscaping, is to be maintained in a clean and tidy manner.
41. All landscaping shall be permanently maintained in a good condition and in accordance with the intent of the landscaping plan.
42. To ensure vehicle movements associated with the land use do not adversely impact on the adjoining streetscape or traffic movement therein:
- (a) all vehicles being loaded or unloaded shall stand entirely within the property;
- (b) all vehicles must be driven in a forward direction at all times when entering and leaving the premises; and

- (c) all vehicles associated with the use shall be accommodated within the approved car park on the subject land, to the satisfaction of Council.
- 43. All waste materials to be stored and disposed of at regular intervals.
- 44. No advertising structures to be erected, displayed or affixed on any building or land without prior approval. Any unauthorised advertising structure will be removed at the expense of the advertiser.
- 45. No signs shall be displayed on the footpaths, pedestrianways, roadways or in the vicinity.
- 46. Submission of all necessary fire safety certificates and statements as required by Part 9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000.
- B. A further report be provided in relation to the issues raised during the Council debate.
- C. The matter be further discussed at the next Councillor workshop.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All issues raised during the Council debate were canvassed at the Council briefing session on 3 December 2002.

105: Construction of Shed - Lot 32 DP258602, 348 West Portland Road, Sackville
(DA0708/02/EVD/ENK26NAX.V04)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be further reported to the Ordinary Meeting with conditions of non approval in relation to the application on the floodplain.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information was requested about flood velocity at Windsor Bridge. The Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) has provided further information stating that flood velocities at Windsor Bridge may reach 2.0 m/s (7.2 km/h) during a 1 in 100 year flood. This velocity is based on data from modelling work done by Webb McKeown and Associates for the Warragamba Dam spillway.

Should Council resolve to refuse the proposal, the following reason is identified:

- The site is unsuitable for the proposed development due to the impact of flooding events.

106: Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 - Draft Amendment 108. Implementation of the Hawkesbury Sustainable Development Agriculture Development Strategy (LEP 8/98/EVD/ENK26NBX.V08)

Mr Doug Green, Mr David Mason and Ms Marie Noble addressed the Committee.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

- A.
 1. The Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 (Amendment 108) be amended to allow intensive agriculture in the Rural Living zones with development consent and agriculture in the rural living zones without development consent.
 2. The Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 (Amendment 108) be amended to change the definitions of agriculture and intensive agriculture.
 3. The amended Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 (Amendment 108) be re-exhibited.
 4. The Draft Local Environmental Plan 8/98 (Amendment 108) and the Development Control Plan be exhibited concurrently.
- B. This matter be further reported to the Ordinary Meeting with the definition of intensive agriculture and outline of the DCP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Council has requested additional information in relation to the definition of agriculture and intensive agriculture, security of tenure issues and an outline of the proposed intensive agriculture chapter for inclusion in the Hawkesbury Development Control Plan.

These matters are discussed below:

1. Definitions of agriculture and intensive agriculture

Under the provisions of Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 (HLEP 1989), agriculture and intensive agriculture are defined as follows:

"agriculture" means the use of land for horticulture, any purpose of husbandry, including the keeping or feeding of live stock, poultry or bees, and the growing of fruit, vegetables and the like, but does not include animal establishments or intensive agriculture.

The proposed definition removes the personal consumption and enjoyment component, therefore uses such backyard vegetable gardens, fruit trees and the like would not be covered by the definition of agriculture. The proposed definition is as follows:-

"agriculture" means the use of land for horticulture, any purpose of husbandry, including the keeping or feeding of live stock, poultry or bees, and the growing of fruit, vegetables and the like, ***except for uses that Council is satisfied are undertaken only for the personal consumption or enjoyment of the occupier of the building or place***, but does not include animal establishments or intensive agriculture.

2. Definitions of intensive agriculture

Clause 44 of Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 currently contains the definition of intensive agriculture and the matters for consideration when assessing development applications. Clause 44 is reproduced as follows:

44. (1) *This clause applies to land within Zone No. 1(a), 1(c), 1(c1), 1(b), 7(d) or 7(d1).*

(2) *In this clause:*

intensive agriculture means intensive animal production or intensive horticulture;

intensive animal production means the holding of goats, poultry or other livestock in a confined area to be reared or fattened wholly or substantially on prepared or manufactured feed and, without limiting the generality of the above, includes:

- (a) *the use of a poultry farm;*
- (b) *the use of a feedlot;*
- (c) *fish farming (which may consist of or include farming of crustaceans); or*
- (d) *the use of a piggery;*

***intensive horticulture** means the growing of plants or fungi involving any of the following:*

- (a) *hydroponics;*
 - (b) *artificial housing;*
 - (c) *crop protection structures;*
 - (d) *market gardening;*
 - (e) *orcharding; or*
 - (f) *the growing of field flowers.*
- (3) *Despite any other provision of this plan, a person may carry out development for the purpose of intensive agriculture on land to which this clause applies only with development consent. However, this subclause does not require consent for the growing of produce or the keeping of livestock or poultry that the Council is satisfied are grown or kept only for the personal consumption or enjoyment of the occupier of the building or place at which they are grown or kept.*
- (4) *The council, in determining an application for consent required by this clause shall take into consideration the following matters:*
- (a) *the need to protect the quality of downstream watercourses;*
 - (b) *the need to conserve native vegetation;*
 - (c) *the need to protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands, riparian zones, endangered ecological communities and threatened species within the meaning of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995;*
 - (d) *the need to protect the amenity of the area from noise, spray drift, odour or any other potentially offensive sources; and*
 - (e) *the need to limit the impact of development on flood liable land.*

It is proposed to amend clause 44 by inserting additional matters for consideration in clause 44 (4). These amendments are highlighted in bold italics below:

- (4) The council, in determining an application for consent required by this clause shall take into consideration the following matters:
- (a) the need to protect the quality of downstream watercourses;
 - (b) the need to conserve native vegetation;
 - (c) the need to protect environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands, riparian zones, endangered ecological communities and threatened species within the meaning of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995;
 - (d) the need to protect the amenity of the area from noise, ***dust, visual impact, spray drift***, odour or any other potentially offensive sources; and
 - (e) the need to limit the impact of development on flood liable land.

3. Proposed Intensive Agriculture Development Control Plan

The following matters are to be covered in the new chapter on Intensive Agriculture to be included in the Hawkesbury Development Control Plan:-

- Fauna and flora – tree removal and protection of species.
- Erosion and sedimentation controls
- Site selection
- Compliance with Pollution Control Principles
- Water Management
- Waste Management
- Traffic and Access
- Visual Amenity
- Chemical Use
- Water Management
- Irrigation
- Dams/sediment pond
- Compliance with pollution control chapter
- Consultation with DLWC (licensing and Farms Dams Policy)
- Waste Water
- Visual Amenity
- Location and height of buildings and structures.
- Landscaping
- Retention of existing vegetation is encouraged.
- Scenic Corridors/SREP 20 Visual Amenity.

Specific Issues/land uses:

- Poultry Farms
- Intensive Agriculture Chapter
- Market Gardens
- Orchards
- Poultry Farms (new and extensions)
- Crop protection structures (netting)
- Artificial Housing (greenhouses)
- Cut Flowers

4. Security of Tenure

The intention of the Hawkesbury Sustainable Agriculture Development Strategy and the subsequent amendment to HLEP 1989 is maintain and encourage agricultural activities within the City. The aims of the draft plan are to amend the zone objectives and names for the preservation of agriculture. In this regard the draft plan itself provides more security of tenure for farmers than the current plan (HLEP 1989).

Furthermore, the proposed new zone objectives, particularly in the Environmental Protection-Agriculture Protection zone, provide for “*the protection of the agricultural protection of rural land in order to promote, preserve and encourage agricultural protection*”.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

107: Community Title Subdivision - Lot 1 DP 553099, Lot 2 DP 235998, Lot 8 DP 224561, Lot 1 DP 441814 and Lot 9 DP 221443 Greggs Road and Patterson Lane, Kurrajong (MA1001/00/EVD/ENK26NBX.V07)

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

That the S96 application to modify the intersection works at Patterson Lane and Grose Vale Road be considered under delegated authority.

108: Proposed Modification to Development Consent - 481 Creek Ridge Road, Glossodia (MA1375/99/EVD/ENK26NCX.V05)

Mr Dick Benbow, noise consultant to the applicant, addressed the Committee

Mr Warren Norman, Mrs Jacki Verzi and Ms Sue Ford, respondents, addressed the Committee

Mr Dick Benbow exercised his right for right of reply.

COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be deferred until the Ordinary Meeting to seek legal advice as to the hours of operation for bird pick up being altered and Section 96.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The legal advice tabled at the General Purpose Committee Meeting by the respondents was referred to Council solicitors Abbott Tout. The advice essentially confirms the information provided by the respondents. In particular, Abbott Tout advises that:

1. A fresh development application is required to extend the hours for bird pick-ups.
2. In assessing an application for modification, Council should compare the modification sought with the development consent as issued rather than the original development application.

3. In determining an application for modification Council's power is limited to either approving or refusing the entire application.

In view of the legal advice the only option open to Council would seem to be refusal of the application for modification.

Recommendation

That:

1. The application for modification of development consent number 1375/99 be refused.
2. The applicant be invited to lodge separate section 96 modifications to:
 - (a) modify the development site as outlined in the report,
 - (b) to include solid panel side walls as outlined in the report, and
 - (c) to install 8 fans as outlined in the report.
3. The modifications detailed in 2 above be dealt with under delegated authority.
4. In the circumstances, Council waive the fees for the applications detailed in number 2 above.
5. The applicant be advised that the provision of treated clay and or compacted earth for the floor of the poultry sheds satisfies condition number 36 of the consent and is acceptable.
6. The applicant be advised the filter system proposed by this modification satisfies condition 51 (b) of the consent and is acceptable.

109: Development Application for Farm Shed - Lot 4602 DP 1006929, 481 Creek Ridge Road, Glossodia (MA1471/01/EVD/ENK26NBX.V06)

Mr Ian Ford, respondent, addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That consideration of this application be deferred until clarification of the legal aspects has been sought on the total development site.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Given the advice provided in relation to item 108 on this agenda, it is recommended that this application also be dealt with under delegated authority.

Recommendation

That as this application will rely on a modification to the development site area, consideration be deferred and the application be dealt with under delegated authority.

110: La Tosca, Lot 2 DP 876389, No. 6 Bowen Mountain Road, Grose Vale - Court Appeal (DA0782/02/EVD/ENK26NCX.V03)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The information be received.
2. A further report be provided to the Ordinary Meeting in relation to the deterioration of the property.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Advice has been sought from Council's solicitors as to appropriate legal action, prosecution or penalties which may be available to Council in relation to the current owner of the property. A detailed statement has been taken from the previous owner and evidence obtained in the way of photographs prior to sale and more recent inspections and photographs. At the time of preparing this report firm advice has not been received, as the matter is rather complex. It is anticipated that some further advice maybe able to be provided verbally at the meeting.

111: Appeal against decision made in the Land and Environment Court - Unauthorised Advertising Sign at 39 Bosworth Street Richmond (P255/166/EVD/ENK26NCX.V01)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

54: Adopt-A-Road Program (GR120/026 Pt2/ENG/INK26NBX.E05)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. A standard agreement be prepared for general use between Adopt-a-Road participants and Hawkesbury City Council;
2. All respondents who have expressed interest in the program be invited to:
 - (a) formally nominate the section of roadway that they wish to maintain for a minimum period of two years
 - (b) sign the adoption agreement
3. Council present a certificate of commendation to participating organisations/groups/individuals at the completion of each committed two year period.
4. Funding for the project, estimated at between \$5,000-\$10,000 (five thousand to ten thousand dollars) be provided from Maintenance Budget and any necessary adjustments be reported to the Quarterly Review.

55: Greenspace Program - Funding for Rehabilitation of Swallow Rock/Argyle Bailey Reserve, Ebenezer (PK/050/ENG/INK26NBX.E07)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the Greenspace Program Funding of \$8,000 (eight thousand dollars) for the rehabilitation of Swallow Rock/Argyle Bailey Reserve, Ebenezer.

56: Car Parking Restrictions with Hawkesbury City Council (GP001/001/ENG/INK26NBX.E08)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. An additional 15 unrestricted parking spaces be provided to Paulls car park on the northern side of the access from Bosworth Street, increasing the number of spaces from 21 to 36.
2. Changes to Orange Grove Mall by way of increasing the restricted time frame from 2 hours to 4 hours for 11 spaces which are located on the northern side of the car park accessing off West Market Street abutting the shops.
3. The parking spaces abutting the shops facing the Bells Line of Road car park be altered to 30 minutes.
4. The spaces surrounding the centre island running parallel to Macquarie Street within the Kable Street car park be altered to 4 hours.

57: Water Tanker Filling Points - Kurrajong Road and Old Bells Line of Road, Kurrajong (GW020/008/ENG/INK26NBX.E09)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Sydney Water be requested to provide additional hydrants at:
 - (a) Bells Line of Road, northern side, east of Comleroy Road;
 - (b) Greggs Road, Kurrajong;
 - (c) Price Lane, Agnes Banks.
2. A 100mm diameter main be extended down Mill Road for approximately 280 metres and hydrants and parking area be provided at an estimated cost of \$83,505.00 (eighty three thousand five hundred and five dollars) with funding being from
 - (a) Capital Works Program
 - Charles Street, North Richmond between William Street and Elizabeth Street - rehabilitate section of failed pavement \$31,000.00
 - Annual maintenance expenditure needed to clean gross pollutant traps (funds subsequently provided from environmental levy program) \$48,000.00
 - (b) Funding provided to seal road shoulders adjacent to hydrant filling points \$4,505.00

58: Governor Phillip Reserve - Draft Management Plan and Noise Policy (PK/205 Pt7/ENG/INK26NBX.E11)

Mr Graham Hart, representing the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club, addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council retain the noise limits as set for those regular events held prior to 29 August 2000.
2. The noise limits are to be reviewed every two years or following any changes to the noise limits by the Waterways Authority.

59: Windsor Mall Traffic Issues' Paper - Comments from Owners/Proprietors (GR120/016 Pt5, GT070/023 Pt1/ENG/INK26NBX.E02)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That further consideration of the Windsor Mall Traffic Issues' Paper be given when the results of the Windsor Traffic Study are presented.

60: Governor Phillip Reserve, Windsor - Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club, 2003 Racing Calender (PK/205 Pt 7/ENG/INK26NBX.E01)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That approval be granted to the Upper Hawkesbury Power Boat Club 2003 Calender, excluding the exclusive use dates from 5 - 7 September 2003 to run the spectacular, and that approval only be granted for one exclusive use day either 5, 6 or 7 September 2003 (Club to determine), subject to the following standard conditions:

1. The Reserve being left clean and tidy with the applicant being responsible for collection and disposal of all waste. For days of exclusive use the club is to lodge with Council a damage bond of \$750.00 (seven hundred and fifty dollars) which is refundable less any costs incurred by Council, administrative or otherwise, to clean or restore the area.

2. Any building, vehicle or stall that is preparing food for public consumption is to comply with Council's "Information for Food Stall Holders" brochure. This information and any related food/public health information can be obtained by contacting Council's Environmental Health Officer on direct line (02) 4560 4553.
3. If required, the applicant obtaining all necessary permits/approvals in relation to amusement devices/rides and liaising with Integral Energy regarding the supply of power and their proximity to power supply lines.
4. If required, the applicant to obtain appropriate licence from the Licensing Branch of the NSW Police Service for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed events.
5. The applicant obtaining appropriate licences from the Waterways Authority regarding the conduct of the 2003 Calender.
6. The applicant paying to Council such fee as may be applicable at the time for exclusive use of the Reserve.
7. A copy of a Public Liability Policy for \$10,000,000.00 (ten million dollars) and indemnifying Hawkesbury City Council is to be submitted 1 (one) week prior to each event.
8. The event to comply with Council's current policy in regard to noise levels.

61: Management of RTA Vehicular Ferry Contracts (GT240/017/ENG/INK26NBX.E03)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Roads & Traffic Authority be advised that Council endorses the RTA's proposal to manage the Caretaking and Operations contracts for the vehicular ferries at Wisemans Ferry, Webbs Creek and Sackville from 1 July 2003. In this regard confirm that:

1. Council is prepared to extend the existing Caretaking and Operations contracts for a further three months, ie. so that each would now end on 30 June 2003;
2. Council will be prepared to manage the existing contracts for the duration of this extended period; and,
3. O'Connor Ferry Services are prepared to have the existing contract extended for this same period, and to continue with their services over the extended period in accordance with the rates and conditions prescribed in the contract; and,

4. The RTA be requested to consider including the administration of the jointly owned Baulkham Hills Shire Council and Hawkesbury City Council ferry at Lower Portland at the same time as the other Hawkesbury River vehicular ferries, namely Wisemans Ferry, Webbs Creek and Sackville.

62: Richmond Park - Lion's market dates (PK/202/ENG/INK26NBX.E04)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Organisations requesting to hold markets within Richmond Park need to communicate their preferred market dates by 1 April every year. A decision can then be made for each groups allocation. Should a group not respond by April, any markets that they would like to hold in the next year would have to fit around those groups that did reply in time.
2. The Richmond Park User Policy, as per Council resolution 14 August 2001, be reviewed bi-ennially. The next review will be July 2003.

63: Additions to Blue Mountains National Park (GP010/010/ENG/INK26NCX.E06)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

100: Monthly Financial Report - October 2002 (GF011/001/FNC/OGK26NAX.F13)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

101: Cultural Facilities - Funding (P731/3005/GMA/OGK26NAX.G06)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

**102: University of Western Sydney - Hawkesbury Campus
(GU001/001/GMA/OGK26NAX.G08)**

Professor Kevin Sprouts and Ms Rhonda Hawkins from UWS, addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council fully support the UWS Hawkesbury Campus in maintaining the Faculty of Nursing as a Course at the Campus.
2. A delegation be formed to make representation to the State and Federal Ministers for the retention of UWS Hawkesbury. The matter of the delegation to be decided at the next Ordinary Meeting.
3. The University of Western Sydney be advised that the Council strongly supports the retention of the Hawkesbury campus and sees a need to focus on the long term sustainable options. At the same time, given the combination of units and research present, a development strategy could be developed around the campuses' strengths in the areas of agriculture, applied science and environmental science, incorporating a variety of approaches and priorities towards adaptive, sustainable, balanced, living, working and environment. The Council would be pleased to be part of the development of a strategy for the campus's future.

**103: Hawkesbury District Tennis Association request for Lease Free Period (GC283/057
Pt4/CSV/OGK26NBX.C03)**

Mr Alan Wilcox, proponent, addressed the Committee

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be further reported to the Ordinary Meeting after discussions at the next Councillor briefing session.

104: Document for Execution Under Seal (GG120/002/CSV/OGK26NBX.C10)

515 RESOLVED by the Committee exercising its delegation as Committee of the Whole on the motion of Councillor Finch seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That the Seal of Council be affixed to the following document:

1. Three Year Funding Agreement 2002 to 2005 between the Commonwealth of Australia and Hawkesbury City Council.

105: Proposed Acquisition for Road Purposes - Part Portion 119, Portland Head Road, Ebenezer (1608/R Pt2/CSV/OGK26NBX.C09)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The owners of Portion 119, Ebenezer be advised of the proposal to acquire part of the portion required for road purposes and negotiations be commenced with regard to compensation.
2. Appropriate plan of acquisition be prepared and registered.
3. The matter be further reported to Council upon determination of the compensation amount.
4. Upon acquisition gazette the land and Lot 5 in DP 622478 as public road.
5. All necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

106: Inclusion into Property Development Strategy - Proposed Sale of 3 (three) Parcels of Land in Stewarts Lane, Wilberforce (GC283/048 Pt2, P1950/194 Pt1/CSV/OGK26NBX.C15)

Mr Neville Diamond, respondent, addressed the Committee

517 RESOLVED on the motion of councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Gilling

That Mr Neville Diamond be removed from the Chambers for continued acts of disorder, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The 3 (three) parcels of land known as Lot 1 in DP652461, Lot 1 in DP803452, Lot 2 in DP803452 in Stewarts Lane, Wilberforce be offered for sale by public auction, as per Council Policy.
2. A reserve be set on the 3 (three) parcels of land at the current market valuation determined by K D Wood Valuations.
3. Any necessary legal documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.

107: Southern Phone Company - Share Offer(GT001/007 Pt3/CSV/OGK26NBX.C02)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council apply to Southern Phone Company Limited for 2 (two) shares at \$1.00 (one dollar) each.
2. Council consider the purchase of telecommunication services from Southern Phone Company as they become available.

108: Grant Funding Approved for the Project Titled "Hawkesbury Homebase Business Connection" (GM001/021/CSV/OGK26NBX.C05)

516 RESOLVED by the Committee exercising its delegation as Committee of the Whole on the motion of Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. The information be received.
2. Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to execute any necessary documentation under the Common Seal of Council.

109: Exemption from Rating - 353 Windsor Road, Vineyard (P2342/0925
Pt1/FNC/OGK26NBX.F14)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Vineyard Christian Church Incorporated be granted exemption from rating from 1 July 2002 for the property know as 353 Windsor Road, Vineyard.
2. An amount of \$1,569.51 (one thousand, five hundred and sixty nine dollars and fifty one cents) be written off in respect of rates for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

110: Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit Update (GC200/004/CSV/OGK26NCX.C11)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

111: Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme 2002
(GC130/039/CSV/OGK26NCX.C12)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

112: Sponsorship Opportunities (GM001/021/CSV/OGK26NCX.C07)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The information be received.
2. The matter of sponsorship be referred to the Strategic Planning weekend in February for consideration for inclusion in the 2003/2004 budget.

- 113: Payment of External Organisations** (GT050/005, GT070/018, GM001/021 Pt14, GC210/014 Pt3/FNC/OGK26NCX.F04)

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Gilling referred to the Ham Street Centre and enquired if there was a possibility that it may be sold and, if so, whether the use on the title needed to be changed.

The General Manager advised that the land was purchased from the Church of England and it would be possible to consider for sale after a new facility was provided in South Windsor.

2. Councillor Sheather advised Packer Road was in need of repair, Greens Road was affected by corrugation and Portland Head Road was also in need of repair.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised the matter would be investigated.

3. Councilor Sheather referred to Lennox Street and requested clarification as to which end was the responsibility of Hawkesbury City Council.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation clarified that it was the section between East Market Street and Castlereagh Road and advised that the kerb and gutter was complete between West Market Street and Castlereagh Road, in preparation for the pavement, as per the recovery program. He further advised that the other section would be referred to Regional Roads Repair Program to potentially obtain a grant.

4. Councillor Rasmussen referred to the State of the Region report for 2002 which had been commissioned by the Australian Local Government Association, stating the he felt it was an excellent database of regions across Australia for comparisons. Councillor Rasmussen did express disappointment that Hawkesbury was not specifically listed within the document and suggested that the Local Government Association be approached to encourage the Association to include Hawkesbury within the document in the future.

5. Councillor Rasmussen requested an update on the RAAF Economic Impact Study.

The General Manager advised that he was not aware of any response to the first stage study and had received no information in relation to the second stage study.

6. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a brochure he had seen on the Yarramundi Bridge and requested a copy be provided to all Councillors.

The General Manager advised that a Council staff member had attended a recent RTA communications meeting and obtained information that the brochure was to be distributed to land owners in the very near future. The General Manager advised that copies would be provided upon receipt.

7. Councillor Rasmussen requested details of Hawkesbury City's terrorist response.

The General Manager advised that there was to be a meeting of the Local Emergency Management Committee, at which the local Police Commander would brief the Committee in relation to the matter. The General Manager advised that he would brief Councillors following the meeting.

8. Councillor Allan advised that she and Councillor Woods would not be in attendance at the Ordinary Meeting on 10 December 2002.

The General Manager noted the advice.

9. Councillor Paine referred to a paper put out by Mr John Anderson's office regarding the future of how Local Government applies for and receives its fundings from the Federal Government, advising that reports had to be back to the Federal Government by February. Councillor Paine enquired if Council was aware of this.

The General Manager advised that he was not aware of the paper.

10. Councillor Paine referred to the donation of crops to Glen Innes reported to be worth \$50,000.00 and commented that the crops were worth more than that. Councillor Paine clarified that the contractor was selling them at \$120.00 and also advised that the cost to Council was virtually nothing as Case New Holland have picked up the cost for the cutting, baling and raking of the hay.

11. Councillor Finch tabled correspondence and requested a response.

The General Manager advised a response would be provided.

12. Councillor Finch requested a report on shade coverage over boat wharf/jetty at Windsor.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised the matter would be investigated.

13. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if all Councillors were receiving emails from local horse owners and stud owners in relation to the issue of the crop donation as to the detrimental effect this will have on the local breeding stock.

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General Purpose Committee - 26 November 2002

Organisation and Resources

The meeting terminated at 6.00pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 28 January 2003.

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ITEM: 135 **Leave of Absence**

FILE NUMBER: GA030/014 Pt5/GMA/ORL10NAX.G16

REPORT:

Councillor Joan Woods and Councillor Lorna Allan have sought leave of absence from the Ordinary Meeting 10 December 2002.

RECOMMENDATION:

That leave of absence for Councillor Joan Woods and Councilor Loran Allan be granted, for the Ordinary Meeting 10 December 2002.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **136****ITEM: 136****General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules for the Period Ended 30 June 2002****FILE NUMBER:**

GF001/001 PT3, GF001/007 PT1/CSV/ORL10NAX.C11

REPORT:

Council's General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules for the period ended 30 June 2002, have now been completed, audited and advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act (1993). The unqualified audit certificate from Council's Auditors, Millington SBS, has been received and is available for inspection by Councillors and the community.

Given below is a summary of Council's financial result under the Australian Accounting Standard 27 (AAS27) for the period ended 30 June, 2002 along with a brief commentary on the reported figures.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	2001/2002 \$'000	2000/2001 \$'000
Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities	48,589	44,190
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities	49,840	46,244
Surplus (Deficit) from Ordinary Activities before Capital Amounts	1,251	2,054
Grants Contributions and Donations - Capital	4,207	3,336
Surplus (deficit) from Ordinary Activities After Capital Amounts	5,458	5,390
Extraordinary Items	0	0
Surplus (deficit) Attributed to Council	5,458	5,390

The 2001/2002 Financial Performance result is an opportunity for Council to view the result comparing it to the previous year's result (2000/2001). It would appear that Council again had an excellent end of year result with a consolidated Surplus Result increase of \$68,000 compared to the previous years result. What must be remembered, however, is that Council's General Purpose & Special Purpose Financial Reports & Special Schedules are a consolidated full accrual result and include the following internal and external interests :

- General Purpose Operations
- Domestic Waste Management
- Sewerage Service Operations
- Forgotten Valley Mobile Resource Unit
- Hawkesbury Leisure Centre Incorporated
- Hawkesbury Sports Council Incorporated
- 355/377 Management Committees

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An accrual result under AAS27 means that income is brought to account when it is received, or when Council is notified by the funding body, and expenses are recorded when they occur (as per the Code of Accounting Practice). Council's Budget, however, is presented and reported on a cash basis (Working Funds), and income is recorded and disclosed when the expenses relating to that income occurs.

Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities

Below is a comparison of Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities for the period ended 30 June, 2002 compared to the previous financial years result.

Expenses from Ordinary Activities	2001/2002 \$'000	2000/2001 \$'000
Employee Costs	16,247	16,023
Materials and Contracts	17,374	14,222
Borrowing Costs	309	386
Depreciation and Amortisation	5,693	5,229
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities	8,966	8,330
Loss from interests in Joint Ventures & Associations	0	0
Total	48,589	44,190

- **Employee Costs** - During the year, Council employee costs rose by approximately 1.39%. Increases attributed to award wage increases and Council's Salary Administration System that were budgeted for were offset by a reduction in employee costs associated with consolidated entities..
- **Materials & Contracts** - Council's budget is based on a "normal" mix of self-constructed and contract works. The process of calling and accepting tenders during the year can result in substantial changes in this mix, resulting in significant variations from one year to the next. The increase in expenses for materials and contracts is funded by the increase in Grants and Contributions provided for non capital purposes. Grants and Contributions for non capital purposes are shown on the following page.
- **Borrowing Costs** - Interest Charges have decreased due to Council again not borrowing funds from financial institutions. With debt decreasing each year, interest charged on outstanding loans will continue to fall.
- **Depreciation and Amortisation** - No significant variation from the previous year.
- **Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities** - A variance has occurred in the reported figure due mainly to increased expenses in relation to S.44 Bushfire Emergency and Storm Damage Repairs.

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The level of expenditure however was below budget estimates due to reduction in legal costs. There was also lower than expected expenditure in relation to the closing of councils effluent ponds, which was not carried out during the year. In addition a transfer of equity in the order of \$207k was made for Hawkesbury Community Transport.

Total Revenues from Ordinary Activities

Below is a comparison of Total Revenues from Ordinary Activities for the period ended 30 June, 2002, compared to the previous financial years result.

Revenues from Ordinary Activities	2001/2002 \$'000	2000/2001 \$'000
Rates and Annual Charges	25,615	24,176
User Charges and fees	7,191	6,912
Interest	1,840	2,397
Grants and Contributions provided for Non-Capital Purposes	12,603	10,142
Grants and Contributions - Capital	4,207	3,336
Other Operation Revenues	2,146	1,703
Profit from Disposal of Assets	445	914
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities	54,047	49,580

- **Rates & Annual Charges** - Income received increased by 5.9%. The rate pegging limit for 2001/2002 was 2.8%. The additional rating yield came from changes set out in the Local Government Amendment Act, relating to Non-Domestic Waste Management that allowed Council to raise the equivalent value of the Non-Domestic Waste Management Charge as additional rate income for 2001/2002. This increase was adopted with the 2001/2002 Management Plan. In addition the increase above rate pegging is due in part to supplementary levies for new subdivisions and non rateable properties becoming rateable.
- **User Charges & Fees** - Items which are categorised as user charges and fees include BA's and DA's, Waste Depot tipping fees, cemetery fees, Leisure Centre fees and Family Day/Occasional Care fees charged by the incorporated bodies using Council facilities for that purpose. There was only a slight increase in User charges and Fees from the previous period.
- **Interest** - Interest on Investments Income received decreased due to poor economic conditions and investment returns. Council investments are reported on a monthly basis.
- **Grants and Contributions provided for Non-Capital Purposes** - The type of operating grants and contributions which appear under this category include the Financial Assistance Grants

(FAG's), Roads and Bridges Maintenance Grants, Rural Fire Service, Grants attributed to Occasional Child Care Services using Council facilities (Section 355 Committees) and Library per capita subsidies, etc. The major variance between the two reporting periods relate to an increase in grants received for S44 Bush Fire Emergency and Natural Disaster Relief. There were also a number of smaller grants received which exceeded estimates and the purposes for which these were received included Road and Bridges, Employment & Training, and Community Care Services. All grants are externally restricted, except Councils FAG allocation.

- **Grants and Contributions (Capital)** - The major capital grants and contributions received are for Roads and Bridges Construction, Rural Fire Services Assets and Section 94 Contributions. The major variance in the 2001/2002 financial year was an increase in the Rural Fire Service Grants received for capital purposes and Section 94 Contributions. Both types of grants are externally restricted and have a nil affect on Council's budget.
- **Other Operating Revenues** - The type of operating revenue which appears under this category include fines, lease rentals, general sales, GST fuel rebates and sundry income. The variance between reporting periods occurred in the areas of Lease rental income, recycling , and fines.
- **Profit from Disposal of Assets** - Items that appear within this category are the assets which Council has sold throughout the year. This includes items such as property, plant and equipment. Any profit associated with property sales are transferred to Councils property reserve (internally restricted) and are used for other Council approved entrepreneurial projects and activities.

Statement of Finance Position (Balance Sheet)

The Statement of Financial Position discloses the assets, liabilities and equity of Council. It depicts the accounting term 'Assets - Liabilities = Equity'.

The table below displays Council's reported Statement of Financial Position under AAS27.

Statement of Financial Position	2001/2002 \$'000	2000/2001 \$'000
Current Assets	35,783	36,080
Non Current Assets	309,285	303,048
Total Assets	345,068	339,128
Current Liabilities	9,441	9,156
Non Current Liabilities	3,341	3,144
Total Liabilities	12,782	12,300
Net Assets	332,286	326,828
Equity	332,286	326,828

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Council's Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) under AAS27 at 30 June, 2002, reports a similar strong position to that portrayed at the conclusion of 2000/2001. Council's outstanding external loan principal remains below \$184,000. The debt service ratio, as defined in the Code of Accounting Practice, is 1.33%. This ratio is used in accessing the degree to which revenues are committed to the repayment of debt. With Council retiring a significant amount of debt during 2000/2001, the debt service ratio has and will continue to drop in future years as Council will rely less on revenues to service loan repayments.

The Statement of Financial Position also illustrates that Council has a high ratio of current assets to current liabilities (Current Ratio). The Current Ratio currently stands at 3.79:1. This ratio is used to determine a council's adequacy and ability to satisfy financial obligations in the short term. Hawkesbury City Council's high Current Ratio means that it is in a strong position to meet its short term financial commitments and has flexibility in making strategic decisions for the future.

Budget Result

Pre Audit Financial Position As At 30 June 2002	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Total Income	63,336,234	7,767,234	71,103,486
Total Expenditure	63,358,870	7,767,234	71,126,104
Budget Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(22,635)	0	(22,635)
Accumulated available funds position as at 30/6/2001	1,208,325	249,085	1,457,410
Accumulated available funds position as at 30/6/2002	1,185,690	249,085	1,434,775

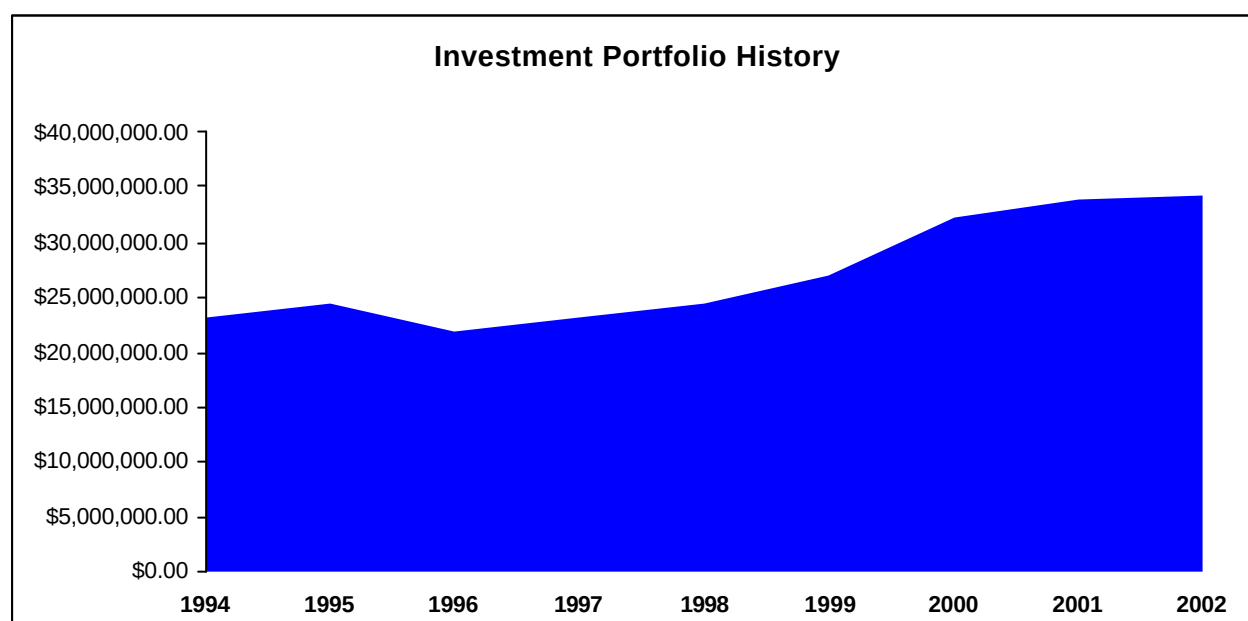
The budget result, based on the movement in available funds, was reported with the June Quarterly review of Council's Management Plan at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 13 August, 2002. The available funds result for the period ending 30 June 2001 was a deficit result of \$22,635.

The level of available funds (working funds) is considered adequate, however, highlights the need for Council to continue to enforce tight expenditure controls to halt upward expenditure trends through 2002/2003, ensuring Council of its future financial viability and enabling it to continue to deliver appropriate services to the community, as determined by Council.

The Working Funds result provides Council with the available funds to act as a buffer for unpredicted budget movements (surpluses/deficits) including unexpected expenses from natural disasters such as major flooding or fires. It also gives Council the platform to build future budgets and provide long range financial security.

Cash Flow

The financial reports provided to Council since the repayment of loans in 1993 has seen an improvement in the level of funds held. The graph below depicts the change in cash held since 1994 which is either restricted internally, externally or generally unrestricted.



The cash flow increase is represented in the Reserves held by Council (both internally and externally restricted). These reserves are reported to identify the purpose, movements and balance of reserves as at 30/6/2002.

Reserve	Balance 1-Jul-2001	Movement	Balance 30-Jun-02
Ext. Industries Reserve	723,900	121,286	845,186
Garbage Reserve (including internal loan)	-385,747	319,799	-65,948
Heritage Reserve	36,169	-5,222	30,947
Kerb & Gutter Reserve	151,717	19,313	171,031
Parks & Gardens Reserve	25,273	733	26,006
Road Works Reserve	322,267	-83,453	238,814
Council S94 Allocation	297,119	81,800	378,919
S94 Car Parking Reserve	300,220	13,464	313,684
S94 Comm. Facilities Reserve	2,782,786	319,859	3,102,645

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Reserve	Balance 1-Jul-2001	Movement	Balance 30-Jun-02
S94 Park Imp Reserve	825,162	-260,437	564,725
S94 Rec Buildings Reserve	761,904	-100,417	661,487
S94 Bushfire Reserve	28,912	1,297	30,209
S94 Drainage Reserve	-19,034	57,813	38,779
S94 Road Works Reserve	511,605	41,690	553,295
Sewer - Asset Replacement	580,206	-365,406	214,800
Sewer - Environment Plan Reserve	502,896	22,554	525,449
Sewer - Treatment Works Reserve	6,594,499	664,385	7,258,884
Bligh Park Reserve	4,697,293	-596,633	4,100,660
ELE Reserve	1,407,207	84,393	1,491,600
Election Reserve	64,107	34,221	98,328
Information Technology Reserve	333,152	-116,451	216,701
Loan Reserve	4,447,804	-1,293,234	3,154,570
Plant Reserve	803,909	-379,028	424,881
Property Development Reserve	2,805,069	-208,519	2,596,550
Risk Mgt Reserve	299,861	-114,966	184,894
Sullage Reserve	80,959	-169,858	-88,899
Workers Comp Self-Ins. Reserve	1,080,606	287,470	1,368,076
Hawkesbury Comm. Transport Res.	104,271	-104,271	0
Other Reserves	131,776	26,702	158,478
Internal Loans	-135,000	00	-135,000
TOTAL	30,160,868	1,701,117	28,459,751

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council's General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules for the period ended 30 June 2002 be adopted.

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ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 A copy of Council's General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Reports and Special Schedules for the period ended 30 June 2002.

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ITEM: 137 **Mayoral Christmas Appeal****FILE NUMBER:** CSV/ORL10NBX.C15

REPORT:

On 10 August 1999 Council adopted the following policy:

An Annual Mayoral Christmas Appeal will be undertaken to assist local charity organisations (as determined by the Mayor) through the collection of gifts, non-perishable food, or cash donations made at the Council Chambers or library facilities.

In the last few years Council has advertised through the local media, the Mayoral Christmas Appeal, which asks residents to bring goods including, non perishable food items and toys to Council offices and the two libraries. These goods have been taken to Richmond Community Services and Hawkesbury Community Aid to be redistributed to those in need of these goods by way of Christmas hampers which the service organisation volunteers package together themselves. Most of the funds therefore went to Hawkesbury Newspapers for advertising rather than directly to the services to provide food for those in need.

Last year an alternative approach was taken as the service organisations were having a Christmas Party for disadvantaged families. Council donated \$500.00 towards this function and was able to assist in providing small gifts for the disadvantaged children attending. A Mayoral Collection did not take place due to the services not requiring these specific goods.

In 2002 the community service organisations have decided it is more appropriate to go back to giving hampers of food and goods which the families can use over the festive season. However due to Occupational, Health and Safety concerns the service organisations will no longer be packing the hampers themselves but paying a supermarket to pack the hampers and providing the families with vouchers which they can take to the supermarket to redeem for the hampers at a time of their convenience.

In view of the arrangement for providing hampers, it would seem more appropriate for council to make a donation directly to Richmond Community Services for the purpose of purchasing hampers for distribution, rather than expend funds in advertising for donations that could not be used by the organisation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council donate \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to Richmond Community Services for the purpose of providing hampers of food and other goods to disadvantaged families in the Hawkesbury District.

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2. The Mayoral Appeal Policy be altered to read “Funds of \$1,000 be made available from the Donations Budget each year to assist in providing food and gifts to disadvantaged members of the community at Christmas”.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 138 Review of the Draft Report on the Richmond RAAF Base Economic Impact Study**FILE NUMBER:** GM001/021/CSV/ORL10NBX.C04

REPORT:

At the last Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee (HEDAC) meeting held on 14 November 2002, it was recommended that:

“Funds be set aside for the purpose of engaging a consultant, with economic expertise, to write a report challenging the economic indicators in the Draft Report on the Richmond RAAF Base Economic Impact Study.”

Mr Brian Lindsay from UWS Hawkesbury recommended that Professor Russell Cooper, who is a Professor of Economics in the School of Economics and Finance at the University of Western Sydney, be approached to carry out the review. Professor Cooper has advised that the work would be undertaken under the auspice of the Australian Expert Group in Industries Studies (AEGIS), a research centre within the College of Law and Business at UWS. The project would be carried out during December and January with the assistance from staff from AEGIS, who would contribute to the project, namely Mr Brian Wixted. Other staff from the School of Economic and Finance may also be involved subject to their availability, specifically Doctor Roger Ham. Professor Cooper proposes that he would provide a report of 8 to 12 pages outlining the strengths and weaknesses of the approach taken by PriceWaterhouseCoopers challenging the economic indicators contained in their report. Professor Cooper estimates that the cost of carrying out the review would be \$5000 which would be payable to AEGIS on the presentation of the report.

In addition, Professor Cooper has provided some brief details of his qualifications and experience as well as Mr Brian Wixted.

Professor Russell Cooper:

Professor Cooper is a professor of Economics in the School of Economics and Finance at the University of Western Sydney (UWS). He is a research director with special responsibility for economic and econometric modelling with the Australian Expert Group in Industry Studies (AEGIS), a research centre within the College of Law and Business at UWS. He is also Deputy Director of the Communications and Electronic Markets Research Centre (CEEM) of Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia. Currently he is involved with a joint UWS/Curtin research project “Economic Modelling of Pricing and Investment Relationships in Telecommunications”. He has served as a consultant to such companies as Nokia and Matsushita as well as State and Federal Governments.

Professor Cooper has also been involved in research on regional analysis, input/output modelling and development of methodology for regional infrastructure location decisions.

Mr Brian Wixted:

Mr Wixted became associated with AEGIS when he commenced his PhD at UWS in 1997. During 2000/2001 he was full time with AEGIS on leave from the Commonwealth Public Service. Starting in 2002, Brian is now employed by AEGIS. He graduated from Griffith University in 1988 with a bachelor of administration degree majoring in economics and public policy. Mr Wixted also has a graduate diploma of applied science (resource management) from the University of Canberra. During his employment with the Commonwealth Public Service, he worked on Science, Technology and Innovation Analysis and Policy between late 1989 and late 1999.

Mr Wixted's core role is to provide background and supporting data analysis for projects being conducted by the centre. In this capacity he has contributed to AEGIS reports on the Health Product System and the Processed Food Product System and with Ms Jane Marceau, he has written a report on innovation in NSW for the NSW Innovation Council.

Mr Wixted is preparing a doctorate on the role of innovation in changing industrial structures and in the industrial specialisation of nations. The central theoretical perspective is that provided by the innovation systems literature. Using his doctoral research, he has presented papers to the Thirteenth International Input/Output Association Conference in Italy in 2000, to the Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association meetings in Queensland in September 2002 and to the International Input/Output Association meeting in Canada in October 2002.

HEDAC considers that with a qualified review of PriceWaterhouseCoopers draft report commissioned by the Department of Defence on the Economic and Social Impacts of the Royal Australian Air Force Base Richmond on the Hawkesbury and surrounding region, the working party who will be making representation to the Federal Government, will be better equipped to argue the importance of the base on the Hawkesbury and surrounding region.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council allocate \$5000 for a review to be carried out of the PriceWaterhouseCooper Draft Report commissioned by the Department of Defence on the Economic and Social Impact of the RAAF Base Richmond on the Hawkesbury and surrounding region by Professor Russell Cooper and Mr Brian Wixted under the auspice of the Australian Expert Group in Industry Studies (AEGIS), a research centre in the College of Law and Business at UWS.
2. Funding for this project be made as an adjustment to the December Quarterly Financial Review.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 139**Bicentenary of the Battle of Vinegar Hill Commemoration****FILE NUMBER:** /CSV/ORL10NBX.C13

REPORT:

Council has received an invitation from Blacktown City Council to join a Steering Committee to organise a regional Battle of Vinegar Hill Commemoration. The invitation is for both Officer and Councillor representation. Baulkham Hills, Holroyd and Parramatta Councils, as well as historical societies, have been invited to participate.

The Bicentenary of the Battle of Vinegar Hill is 5th March 2004. The Hawkesbury features strongly in the story of the rebellion. In Doug Bowd's Book "Macquarie Country" he details how after overwhelming settlers in the "Field of Mars, Baulkham and Seven Hills, Prospect Hill and Toongabbie the rebels set out with enthusiasm for their first goal- the Hawkesbury". Thomas Arndell, the local magistrate called for ammunition for defence of the community and martial law was declared. The rebels were defeated on route by soldiers of the New South Wales Corps. A number of prisoners were brought to the Hawkesbury, then known as Green Hills and one of the leaders Phillip Cunningham was publicly executed by hanging at a local granary.

A number of preliminary meetings have been held and it has been proposed to employ an Events Promotion Company to organise the major component of the festivities, which will feature a re-enactment. The Steering Committee, in which Council has been invited to participate, would be responsible for co-coordinating cross City events and enlisting the support of local groups to facilitate community awareness and conduct local community activities.

It has been suggested that the Commemoration would be funded by contributions from each participating Council, levied proportionate to the size of the Council. However the amount of funding required has not yet been determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council support the regional Battle of Vinegar Hill Commemoration.
2. A further report be provided on the cost to Council and the planned activities when determined.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 140 **Documents for Execution Under Seal**

FILE NUMBER: GC283/043/CSV/ORL10NBX.C09

REPORT:

Commercial Lease
GC283/043

The current lease for Loder House, 126 George Street, Windsor to C'Jays Catering has expired and the tenant has now exercised the three year option available under the current lease. The commencing rental will be \$28,600.00 (twenty eight thousand, six hundred dollars) per annum [\$2383.33 (two thousand three hundred and eighty three dollars, and thirty three cents) per month] plus GST reviewable annually by CPI. As per the current lease the tenant will be responsible for 50% Council rates, sewer and water rates and 100% water usage.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 141 Museum Exhibit Designer Appointment**FILE NUMBER:** GM030/001 PT03/CSV/ORL10NBX.C14

REPORT:

Expressions of interest were called for a consultant to establish exhibitions at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum in line with the recommendations of the 'Exhibition and Development Opportunities' report completed for Council previously.

The consultant will be working with architects Pont Williams + Leroy, Hawkesbury Historical Society and Council staff to plan the use of existing and new spaces and to work with the Historical Society on the curation and design of the exhibitions. Tasks to be undertaken as part of this project include:

1. Design and fit-out (display cases, lighting, ganging systems etc) of the exhibition area (approx. 300m²), storage and work area, (approx. 55m²) including liaison with architects and steering group.
2. Curation and design of the core exhibition (approx. 200m²).
3. Design of general signage in co-operation with site architects and steering group.

Fabrication of the exhibitions will be done under a specific contract in co-operation with the consultants for the exhibition design.

The budget allocation for this part of the museum project is \$350,000 (three hundred and fifty thousand dollars). This is within the overall budget of \$2.3million.

A total of five submissions were received as follows:

- International Conservations Services
- Australian Museum Business Services
- Thylacine Design & Project Management P/L
- Andrew Rankine Design Associates P/L
- Dr Peter Emmett

A panel made up of a Ministry for the Arts representative, Council's Heritage Advisor, Museum representatives, a representative of Pont Williams + Leroy Architects, and the Manager Policy & Corporate Communications considered the submissions in detail and selected two companies for interview. The short listed companies were interviewed and Andrew Rankine Design Associates was selected by the panel for recommendation to Council. They were also the lowest cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Andrew Rankine Design Associates be appointed to complete the Hawkesbury Regional Museum Exhibition Design consultancy in line with project budgets and time frames.
2. The seal of Council be placed on any documents.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 142 **McDonalds Richmond****FILE NUMBER:** GP001/001/ENG/ORL10NBX.E02

REPORT:

A request has been received from the owner/operator of McDonalds Richmond to include the car park at that location in the general parking patrols. The problem outlined is that commuters are using the McDonalds car park as all day parking for their vehicles and this is affecting the operation of the business. The owner/operator has suggested that a one hour time limit be imposed on the car park and he would provide an appropriate sticker to be attached to the windscreen of employees' vehicles to give them an exception from this requirement or alternatively dedicated employee parking spaces could be identified. It would be necessary to sign post the car park accordingly.

To enable Council to undertake parking patrols in this area, it would be necessary for Council to lease the parking area for parking patrol purposes at a nominal lease (\$1 per annum) and the owner/operator has agreed to this. It has been made clear that the lease would only provide parking patrol services and would not include any maintenance responsibility for the area by Council.

Income derived from infringement notices in the area would benefit Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council lease the car parking area at McDonalds Richmond for parking patrol purposes at a nominal rental of \$1.00 (one dollar) per annum. The lease be explicit that general maintenance of the area is excluded.
2. The area be signposted at the applicant's cost with a general time limit for parking of one hour with an exception made for employees of that business.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **143****ITEM: 143 Construction of Industry Road, Vineyard - Tender No 004/FY03****FILE NUMBER:** 0914/R Pt2/ENG/ORL10NAX.E07**REPORT:**

Industry Road, Vineyard is a proposed internal access road linking Groves Avenue to Park Road which will eventually provide access to properties currently fronting Windsor Road. At this stage a small section has been built at either end of the block with approximately 65% of the total length still unconstructed. The construction of the road is required as a condition of consent as individual properties develop and as such it could be many years before the full length of road is constructed.

It is felt that one of the reasons for the lack of development in this area is that there is no easy access onto Windsor Road from these properties and the widening and reconstruction of Windsor Road will only provide for "left in/left out" access to these properties making access even more difficult. In an effort to encourage development in the area it was proposed in 1998 that the remainder of the service road be constructed with the landowners providing the funds and Council undertaking the project management. This was initially agreed to by the landholders, however, following the calling of tenders the major landholder in the area withdraw from the project and as such it did not proceed.

Following the recent sale of the property in question, all landholders were once again contacted in an endeavour to further this project. In principle agreements have been forwarded by all landholders concerned and tenders were once again called for the construction of Industry Road, Vineyard and these tenders closed at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19 November 2002. A total of thirteen (13) tenders were received and are listed in order of price as follows (GST inclusive).

Tenderer	Amount
1 Rocks Excavations & Plant Hire Pty Ltd	\$426,069.00
2 M J & M D Skinner Pty Ltd	\$439,192.08
3 DMH Civil Engineering Pty Ltd	\$490,857.02
4 Pattison Roadworks Pty Ltd	\$507,423.53
5 J K Williams Contracting Pty Ltd	\$553,918.15
6 Jay & Lei Excavations Pty Ltd	\$583,898.00
7 Michael G Everingham Contracting	\$587,898.68
8 Savage Earthmoving Pty Ltd	\$601,961.70
9 G M Foster Constructions Pty Ltd	\$670,893.26
10 Kingston Industries Pty Ltd	\$684,465.67
11 Lilliendal Civil Pty Ltd	\$692,415.44

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Tenderer	Amount
12 North Shore Paving Co Pty Ltd	\$803,436.32
13 Civil Systems	Not given

The tender submitted by Civil Systems was a non-conforming tender as various sections of the tender were either not submitted or completed. Upon addition of the rates submitted, the total contract sum amounted to \$653,400.00, placing this submission ninth if it were to be conforming.

The lowest conforming tender in the amount of \$426,069.00 has been received from Rocks Excavations & Plant Hire Pty Ltd. This company has performed similar works for other organisations in a satisfactory manner and is considered to have the capacity to perform the required works.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

3. Subject to the agreement of property owners affected by the works to fund the proposal the tender submitted by Rocks Excavations & Plant Hire Pty Ltd in the amount of \$426,069.00 (four hundred and twenty six thousand and sixty nine dollars) for the construction of Industry Road, Vineyard between Park Road and Groves Avenue be accepted.
4. The Common Seal of Council be affixed to the necessary documentation.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 144 Lower MacDonald River Flood Study 2002/2003 - Floodplain Management Program**FILE NUMBER:** GR060/084/ENG/ORL10NBX.E01

REPORT:

Notification has been received from the Minister for Land & Water Conservation advising of funding assistance under the NSW Government's 2002/2003 Floodplain Management Program to carry out a flood study over the Lower MacDonald valley (Wisemans Ferry to St Albans).

Under the terms of the offer State funding assistance up to a total value of \$20,000.00 will be provided under a two to one funding ratio thus allowing for a combined program of works totalling \$30,000.00.

Administration of the Lower MacDonald Floodplain in relation to development requiring consent is currently being hampered because of uncertainties connected with the hydrological impact of flooding in the MacDonald Valley.

There are approximately 250 freehold properties adjacent to the MacDonald River between its confluence with the Hawkesbury River and the town of St Albans. There are also around 50 properties adjacent to Wrights Creek a major tributary feeding into the proposed study area from the north-east.

Infill, tourist, and B&B cabins make up most of the new development and currently planning levels are being taken from a flood profile which was prepared by Council staff in 1984. This profile was prepared using sparse levels from floods of record and its relevance to the 1% design event is not entirely clear.

It is proposed that a river flood study be undertaken to assist with floodplain management in the region. The primary objectives of the study will be:

- to define the flood behaviour of the lower reaches of the MacDonald River. The study will produce information on flood levels, velocities and flows for a full range of flood events under existing catchment and floodplain conditions;
- to assess the hydraulic categories and undertake provisional flood hazards mapping for a range of flood events;
- to assess the extent of the flooding problem by undertaking a damages assessment;
- to formulate a suitable hydraulic model that can be used in any subsequent Floodplain Management Study to assess various flood mitigation options and measures, including development options.

It is proposed to model the 1%, 2%, 5%, 10% and 20% AEP Flood Events and the PMF all for existing catchment and floodplain conditions.

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Funding for Council's one third contribution to the project is available within the current budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the offer of \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) state funding assistance to fund two thirds of the proposed Lower MacDonald Flood Study be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 145 **Tourist Facility - Installation of 3 (three) prefabricated cabins and conversion of an existing shed to a manager's residence, Lot 1, DP630711, 1389 St Albans Road, Central MacDonald**

FILE NUMBER: DA638/02/EVD/ORL10NBX.V03

PREVIOUS ITEM: 86, GPC Section 1 - Environment (24.09.2002)

REPORT:

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 October, 2002, Council resolved that "this matter be deferred pending discussions with the applicant to put in a new development application for the whole site".

A meeting was held with the applicant and his Consultant Town Planner on 22 November 2002 to discuss the matter. The applicant advised that he has no intention of operating any form of commercial nursery on the property. Attached to this report is a letter from the applicant dated 26 November 2002 addressing the issues raised by the respondents in this matter.

Given that the applicant has confirmed in writing that there is no commercial nursery proposed on the site, there would appear to be no need for any additional applications to be lodged at this time. Accordingly, it is recommended that the application be approved and that an additional condition be added prohibiting the operation of a commercial nursery on the property without separate approval from Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

General

1. To confirm and clarify the terms of this approval, the development shall take place in accordance with the plans submitted with the application, as amended in red and as modified by these further conditions.
2. To ensure the external appearance of the development is not intrusive or offensive, and does not degrade the visual quality OF the surrounding area, the development shall be completed in accordance with the approved colours and finishes and shall not be altered.
3. Compliance with the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act 1979, and the Building Code of Australia.
4. Prior to construction of the approved development it is necessary to obtain a Construction Certificate.

5. No excavation or site works shall be commenced prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.
6. All building shall comply with the requirements of Planning for Bush Fire Protection prepared by Planning NSW 2001 and AS 3959 - 1999 Construction of Buildings in Bush Fire Prone Areas.
7. The applicant shall make themselves aware of the Discrimination Against People with Disabilities Act (DDA) in order to assess their responsibilities and liabilities with regards to the provision of access for all people.
8. The proposed water tanks are to be constructed of concrete not PVC.

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.

9. Submission and approval of a detailed landscape management plan. The plan is to be consistent with the concept landscaping shown on the approved plans, the recommendations of the flora and fauna assessment prepared by Ozwide Fauna Consultancy dated October 2001, the provisions of Planning for Bushfire Protection, NSW Planning, December 2001.
10. Submission of an "Application to Install a Sewerage Management Facility" accompanied by full manufacturers and installers plans and specification. The proposed facility is to be consistent with the findings of the wastewater management study prepared by Asset Geotechnical Engineering Pty Ltd dated 12 July 2002. Note the land application area is to be serviced by subsurface drip irrigation.
11. The submission of a satisfactory soil and water management plan (SWMP) prepared in accordance with the State Government guidelines titled "Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction (1988)".
12. Detailed engineering plans and specifications relating to the work shall be submitted.
13. Details demonstrating that the proposed buildings will comply with the Building Code of Australia and AS3959-1999 are to be submitted to Council.
14. Amended parking details demonstrating compliance with Car Parking Chapter of the Hawkesbury DCP are to be submitted to Council.
15. Details demonstrating that the proposed manager's residence will comply with the Council's "Code for the Construction and Fitting Out of Food Premises" are to be submitted to Council.

16. The submission of a bushfire safety authority issued under Section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997.

Prior to Commencement of Works

17. 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.

18. 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.
19. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained to ensure that there is no increase in downstream levels of litter, vegetation debris or other water borne pollutants in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan 1/94 - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation. The enclosed warning sign shall be affixed to the sediment fence/erosion control device at all times.
20. 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.
21. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contact number of the principle certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 2(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1997.
22. The name and licence number of the licensed contractor/builder who has been contracted to do or intends to do the work must be submitted to Council in writing by the owner prior to the commencement of any work relevant to this approval.

During Construction

23. All building work must be carried out in accordance with provisions of the Building Code of Australia.
24. 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) foundations;
 - (d) external drainage lines, prior to backfilling;
 - (e) on completion of the structure; and
 - (f) landscaping.
25. All roofwater shall be drained to the water storage vessel/s.
26. Dust control measures, eg vegetative cover, mulches, irrigation, barriers and stone shall be applied to reduce surface and airborne movement of sediment blown from exposed areas.
27. Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material capable of being moved by running water to be stored clear of any drainage line, easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface.
28. 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.
29. No burning of demolition or construction material being carried out on the site.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. Any building or part thereof to be used for the purpose of storage, preparation or sale of food for human consumption shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Food Act 1989 and Regulations there under and Council's Food Premises Code.

Prior to Issue of Occupation Certificate

33. An occupation certificate is to be obtained on completion of all works and prior to commencement of the approved use. The occupation certificate will not be issued if any conditions of this consent are outstanding.
34. The cabins are to be connected to a fully installed and approved waste water treatment system.
35. The following documentary evidence is to be obtained prior to the issue of any Occupation 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.

36. The creation of easements to drain water over the site of drainage discharge from roads 4m wide and 20m long free of cost to Council.

Use of the Site

37. The cabins are to be used for short term tourist accommodation only.
38. No more than 6 persons are to be accommodated in each cabin at any one time. The combined number of persons residing in the manager's residence and accommodated in the cabins are not to exceed a combined total of 20 persons at any one time.
39. Guests of cabins are not to bring domestic pets onto the site.
40. Any lighting on the site is to be directed in such a manner so that no nuisance is caused to adjoining properties or to drivers on surrounding streets.
41. The subject development, including landscaping, is to be maintained in a clean and tidy manner.
42. All landscaping shall be permanently maintained in a good condition and in accordance with the intent of the landscaping plan.
43. No advertising structures to be erected, displayed or affixed on any building or land without prior approval. Any unauthorised advertising structure will be removed at the expense of the advertiser.
44. No signs shall be displayed on the footpaths, pedestrian ways, roadways or in the vicinity.

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- 45. All waste materials to be stored and disposed of at regular intervals.
- 46. All Asset Protection Zones are to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of NSW Planning's "Planning for Bushfire Protection".
- 47. The land is not to be used for the purposes of a commercial nursery or any form of intensive agriculture without the prior approval of Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT-1 Letter from Transplann dated 26 November 2002.

AT-2 Report to General Purpose Committee meeting of 24 September 2002 - Item 86 (distributed separately).

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Meeting Date: 10 December, 2002

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Letter from Transplann dated 26 November 2002

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Letter from Transplann dated 26 November 2002

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ITEM: 146 Genetically Modified Canola Crops**FILE NUMBER:** GE020/079/EVD/ORL10NBX.V10

REPORT:

During September 2002, notification was received from the Gene Technology Regulator in Canberra, that applications from Bayer Cropscience, and Monsanto Australia Ltd, had been lodge with that organisation, to grow genetically modified (GM) canola crops anywhere in Australia, including the Hawkesbury area.

The Gene Technology Regulator is obliged to notify all local government areas where an application of this type would be likely to have an impact i.e., where crops may be grown.

Upon receipt of the notification, letters were prepared and forwarded to the regulator regarding each of the two applications, stating Council's objections to the applications, and informing the Gene Technology Regulator of Council's adopted resolution, to declare the Hawkesbury City Council area as a "GE Free Zone".

A response has been received from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator thanking Hawkesbury City Council for its letters regarding the applications, and informing Council that our local government area is one of those from which Monsanto and Bayer propose to select sites for the release.

The letter goes on to acknowledge that Hawkesbury has declared itself to be a "GE Free Zone" but provides information that there is currently no provision in either Commonwealth or State legislation that provides a legislative basis for local government to declare a moratorium on GM trials or to declare their local government area "GM Free". The Act however, does provide that the Ministerial Council overseeing the activities of the Regulator may issue policy principles recognising areas that have been designated under State law for the purpose of preserving the identity of "genetically modified organisms" (GMO) or non-GMO crops for marketing purposes. The Act prohibits the Regulator from acting inconsistently with such policy principles. No policy principles have been established by the Ministerial Council so far.

The letter also suggests that Council should contact Monsanto and Bayer direct to lodge our objections and inform them of our resolution to be a "GE Free Zone".

RECOMMENDATION:

That Monsanto and Bayer be informed of Council's objections to its release of genetically modified organisms (GMO's) and genetically engineered (GE) crops into its Council area, and inform them of Council's resolution to be a "GE Free Zone".

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **147****ITEM: 147****Reports Requested by Council - Status as at 10 December 2002****FILE NUMBER:** GC280/005 Pt4/GMA/ORL10NCX.G06**REPORT:**

10/9/02	Pitt Town - Possible Urban Development DED	Report on deliberation of the Steering Committee by December 2002.	Special Meeting of Council on 12 December 2002.
8/10/02	Bulk Waste Kerbside Collection DED	Report following discussions at Tuesday evening Councillor workshop.	Discussed at Councillor Briefing Session on 3 December 2002. Referred to February 2003 Strategic Planning weekend.
12/11/02	Kable Street Medical Centre - Parking DED	Report outlining suggestions to improve parking area for people with disabilities and addressing issues related to vandalism and drug deals taking place within the carpark.	To be reported to General Purpose Committee Meeting on 28 January 2003.
12/11/02	Rainwater Tanks DED	Report on how, as part of the DA process, the installation of rainwater tanks can be incorporated.	To be reported to General Purpose Committee Meeting on 28 January 2003.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 148**Microclimate Project****FILE NUMBER:** GM001/021Pt15, GP070/028Pt2/GMA/ORL10NCX.G17**REPORT:**

In November 2002, the Council was advised of the Microclimate Project known as Topoclimate. Since that time, there have been a number of discussions with representatives from the Commonwealth agency "GROW", the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board and NSW Agriculture. All have shown a strong interest in the project and particularly how a pilot could showcase to other areas in the Sydney basin, the positive impacts of capitalising on the many social, economic and environmental benefits that sustainable agriculture can bring. A successful project would also highlight the community and economic benefits of retaining and encouraging sustainable agricultural land, as opposed to developing land to cater for the sprawl of more suburban housing.

The project would also quantify the potential for job creation in the agricultural industry.

The Hawkesbury Local Government Area represents a very diverse range of critical factors that influence what farmers can do with their land (climate, soil type etc) and offers a range of altitudes that are representative of the greater Sydney region. The area also has considerable range in temperature, soils and rainfall variations that make it a very good location to apply the pilot project.

At this time, it is proposed to make an application to GROW and the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board, for financial support that if successful can be promoted to all farmers in the area through an expression of interest process, with up to 30 being selected to represent a range of critical factors to exemplify the potential of a wider project in the Sydney Basin.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Meeting Date: 10 December, 2002

Item: **149**

ITEM: 149 **Arts Grant**

FILE NUMBER: G021/218/GMA/ORL10NCX.G18

REPORT:

The Minister assisting the Premier on the Arts, Bob Debus MP, has advised that Council has been successful in receiving a grant of \$5,000 under the 2003 Visual Arts and Craft Program, towards the development of a design proposal for public art.

This will enable the funding of two to three artists to prepare for the Council's consideration design concepts for a piece of art to be placed in the open space area surrounding the new library/art gallery building.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **150**

ITEM: 150 **Ferry Interruption Report - November 2002**

FILE NUMBER: GT240/017/ENG/ORL10NCX.E08

REPORT:

Date	Ferry Location
Monday 4 November 2002	Webbs Creek Ferry - Midnight-3.00am - ferry grounded. Three hours interruption
Friday 8 November 2002	Sackville Ferry - 6.50pm-9.30pm - cable slipped off drive wheel. Two hours & forty minutes interruption.
Friday 29 November 2002	Webbs Creek Ferry - 5.00pm-9.00pm - broken drive cable. Four hours interruption.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 151 **Road Safety Projects**

FILE NUMBER: /ENG/ORL10NCX.E12

REPORT:

A number of Hawkesbury City Council road safety projects have recently received recognition at both State and National level. The *Lead By Example* child pedestrian safety project has been included in the Leading Practice in Local Government Guide Book 2002. This project has been running for four years and is staged for implementation in pre-schools, kindergartens, schools and day care centres. It targets the parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years.

The Western Sydney Region of Council's (WSROC) *Strategic Plan for Road Safety 2010* and the *Go 40 For Me* speed prevention project were both short listed for the 2002 IPWEA Excellence in Road Safety Awards.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: **152****ITEM: 152** **Monthly Development Application Summary****FILE NUMBER:** GE20/029/EVD/ORL10NCX.V19**REPORT:**

The following table summarises development application activity over the last thirteen months. At the end of November 2002 there were 311 current applications.

	Nov-01	Dec-01	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02	Apr-02	May-02	Jun-02	Jul-02	Aug-02	Sep-02	Oct-02	Nov-02
Received	157	105	101	132	142	122	184	126	136	137	148	168	142
Approved	175	57	54	105	112	105	186	178	125	106	123	112	129
Refused	0	1	0	2	0	1	9	2	2	5	1	5	0

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Hawkesbury Healthy City - 10 October 2002

The meeting commenced at 9.00am at Hawkesbury City Council,
Council Chambers Meeting Room

Present: Councillor Rex Stubbs- Mayor
Councillor Joan Woods
Garry Baldry- Hawkesbury City Council
Darren Carr- Hawkesbury Division of GP's
Theresa Luland- Hawkesbury District Health Service
Joanne Adams- Hawkesbury City Council
Janet Hogge- Hawkesbury City Council
Esther Anderson- Hawkesbury City Council
Jo Moylan- Community
Lynne Saville- Hawkesbury District Health Service

Apologies: Nigel Wood- RAAF
Jeff Parkin- Local Area Command
John McDonald- UWS Hawkesbury

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Rex Stubbs, Seconded by Esther Anderson.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Esther Anderson inquired into the outcome of Lynne Savilles "CAN DO" Award nomination outcome.

Janet Hogge reported on the logistical difficulties in the distribution of Westbus timetables in the rates notices. A separate mail out will be prepared containing all transport information for the Hawkesbury.

Correspondence

Minutes supplied from the Food Program Meeting.

Subcommittee Updates

1.1 Hawkesbury Division of General Practise

The division is optimistic of the possible success of funding for an 'After Hours Care' facility at Hawkesbury Hospital. The funding body has contacted the division asking a number of questions.

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The Quality Use of Medicine program has once again been delayed due to recruitment trouble. The position has been advertised three times without success. Plans are being developed to integrate the position with the Blue Mountains.

Wentworth Area Health Improvement Committee is concerned about Hawkesbury's response to their 'Preventing Preventable Illness and Death' research. A particular limitation of the study is that the research is hospital based and this is not an accurate measure of health and disease.

1.2 *Joanna Moylan- Community*

The Food Coop ran a very successful stall at the Sustainability Fair raising approximately \$600.

A visioning workshop was held with the Food Coop, one of the outcomes was to assist farmers and growers who want to convert to organic.

The University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury has implemented recycling within the university grounds. The scheme is not working at present, the recycling bins look identical to waste bins and are not kept in the same location after being emptied. Garry reminded Joanna that Hawkesbury's Waste Education Officer was available to assist the university in implementation and education programs.

The committee was advised that student numbers at the Hawkesbury campus are declining. The Board of Trustees have committed money to creating an identity within the campus. Students are pushing to identify the campus as a "green" campus.

1.3 *Hawkesbury District Health Service*

Please see monthly report attachment

The Police and Community Team (PACT) meeting will be held on Monday night. The meeting is a follow up meeting since the new commander.

1.4 *Hawkesbury City Council*

(a) Road Safety

4000 speed prevention kits have been compiled and distributed to McDonalds Restaurants in McGraths Hill and Richmond, local service stations and to council staff.

To date in the Hawkesbury we have had four fatalities this year. A pedestrian, a motorcyclist, a quad bike and a two year old child. These statistics are consistent with the yearly trend. Unfortunately numbers of road deaths increase in the months leading up to Christmas. Most accidents are in the 26-40 age group.

Christine Thomas from Premier Cabs has contacted Janet for an urgent meeting regarding the taxi crisis in the Hawkesbury. Cab drivers are requesting patrons call the taxi drivers mobile instead of the Premier Cabs phone number. Premier Cabs are having difficulty tracking cab usage in the Hawkesbury due to this.

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Calling mobiles instead of the Premier Cabs number prevents out of area cabs attending to local calls. Premier cabs have stated that if there is demand in the Hawkesbury, then more cabs will be distributed to this area.

1.5 *Councillor Joan Woods*

As funds become available the cycle link between Colo High School and Kurmond will be expanded. The cycleway will eventually link the Hawkesbury with Parramatta. Numbers of pedestrians have increased walking along Bells Line of Road with the cycleway in place, this is already promoting healthy lifestyles.

The committee is exploring options to connect Wilberforce with Windsor. Buttsworth Bridge is a major safety concern and a squeeze point for traffic.

The playground at Ham Common has had a grant for \$15 000 through the Department of Sport and Recreation.

1.6 *Community Services*

Saturday 2 November 2002 is the official opening of the skate ramp at Clarendon. A number of events will be held including a skate competition and graffiti demonstrations. The graffiti demonstrations will provide an outlet for graffiti rather than the use of public property. Banner poles will be installed at the site.

The Senior Citizens centre at North Richmond will be hosting their 30th Birthday. The focus will be on the future and the introduction of new and stimulating activities. The centre is looking for funding to install a seniors gym. Other activities such as internet stock marketing are being proposed. The centre is promoting its activities for the over 55's.

Council would like to congratulate Bindi Woodland on her efforts in the sustainability fair. The stalls flowed around the site in an relaxing manner.

Two nominations are proposed for the Healthy City Awards Challenge. Freemans Reach GO 40 FOR ME and Bindi Woodland for the Sustainability Festival.

Bindi Woodland was unanimously voted as the winner for October.

1.7 *Mayor*

Topo Climate is a new and more productive way of farming land. It focuses on issues such as land, water, soil and microclimates. Council is considering allocating \$30 000 towards its implementation in the Bilpin Farming areas. It can increase productivity in some case five fold. Topo Climate will ensure sustainability and strong agricultural prospects in the future.

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1.8 *Joanne Adams*

Joanne requested a letter of thanks and a certificate of appreciation be presented to Bindi Woodland for her excellent efforts in organising the Earthcare Centres Sustainability Festival.

1.9 *Hawkesbury Food Program- Lynne Saville*

Lynne attended the seminar on Topo Climate and congratulated council if they should choose to proceed.

Lynne congratulated Bindi on a successful Sustainability Fair. Lynne volunteered at the Healthy Cities stand. Children were encouraged to plant lettuces in paper cups, take care of them and plant them once they got home. This is a common activity for Hawkesbury District Health Service. About 70 lettuces were planted at Naidoc Week.

Students from Hawkesbury University have been doing some research on 'Tips on Chips'. Out of 34 takeaways, 26 participated and only one conformed to the Heart Foundation regulations. Most take aways used lard. The purpose of the research was to find out if shops were using Heart Foundation oils, cooking at the correct temperature, and how often they have been changing their oils. Packages were distributed to fast food owners complete with food handling information. Windsor Seafood was the only shop to conform to Heart Foundation cooking standards and it was recommended that Hawkesbury Healthy Cities present them with a certificate.

The results of the 'CAN DO' awards will be known in November.

Health and nutrition brochures have been supplied to Wilberforce Caravan Park. Oranges from university orange picks are also distributed. Dianne Boyd from Community Transport has been attending the health visits to talk to the residents about transport. A women's health nurse has also been attending to provide advice to women about pap smears, pregnancy, and health issues. Negotiations are underway to arrange a bus to go to the Food Barn and Windsor shops. A no-dig garden has been built on the grounds and is tended by two of the park residents.

Home delivery service brochures are available and detail services not accessible to meals on wheels or the community bus service. About 200 shops in the area do home delivery.

1.10 *Environment*

Bayer and Monsanto are trying to get a licence to grow GM Canola in any part of Australia. Councils have the right to support or reject the application. Hawkesbury Councils Policy is to oppose GM foods. Garry Baldry drafted a letter for the General Manager to sign opposing the growing of GM crops in the Hawkesbury.

Observance from waste collectors have found that the number of needles being found in Western Sydney is dramatically reducing.

Meeting closed 11am.

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Hawkesbury District Health Service Ltd
Population Health Monthly Report
September 2002 (Distributed Separately)

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Bicycle Steering Committee - 6 November 2002

PRESENT: Clr Joan Woods, Chairman
Mr Jim Anderson, Member for Londonderry
Doug Bathersby, CAMWEST
David Randall, High School Representative
Mario Pace, RTA
John Jose, Community Representative
Andrew Docking, Community Representative
Hugh McKinnon, Community Representative
Brett Barnes, NSW Police Service

IN ATTENDANCE Alan Hastie, Manager Design & Mapping Services, HCC
Janet Hogge, Road Safety Program Co-ordinator, HCC

APOLOGIES Chris Horwood, Hawkesbury Triathlon Club
Chris Ladas, RTA

1 MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2002 be confirmed.

Moved: Andrew Docking

Seconded: Dave Randall

2 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Variation 2002/03 Local Bicycle Program - Item 3 Freemans Reach Road; Putty Road to Gorricks Lane Stage I

The above matter was discussed by the committee as a result of technical advice received. It has been determined subsequent to the preparation of the program that while the route provides an important direct link for cyclists it would not meet prescribed minimum engineering standards because of its current narrow cross-section.

This matter was also discussed with the Roads & Traffic Authority on an informal basis prior to the meeting. Advice from the Authority who has a shared interest in relation to funding for the Local Bicycle Program was that it would agree to an amendment provided (1) the new proposal had been previously recommended in the Bike Plan and (2) the works could still be completed within the prescribed time frame as determined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

It was resolved that:

1. Item (3) Freemans Reach Road; Putty Road to Gorricks Lane be removed from the approved program.

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2. Shared funding previously budgeted and totalling \$22,000 (twenty two thousand dollars) be re-allocated to the approved off-road cycleway/pedestrian pathway Colo High School to Kurmond Road Stage II.
3. The Roads & Traffic Authority be formally advised.

3 CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Future Bicycle Programs

Correspondence received from Doug Bathersby providing a compiled list of possible projects that could be considered for inclusion in a future local Bicycle Program.

The list was distributed to members of the committee for information.

4 GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Road Safety Education/Encouragement

Council's Road Safety Program Co-ordinator, Janet Hogge provided the committee with the following details of recent behavioural strategy activities within the Hawkesbury Region.

"Bike Week activities for 2002 were undertaken as part of the Hawkesbury Carnivale. A number of riders took part in the parade and carried a banner encouraging people to ride.

Following the parade a stall was set up in Richmond Park and resources were distributed to anyone interested in getting information about cycling. A limited number of the cycle maps were printed for distribution on the day.

Some fun activities were run for young people and 12 bicycle helmets and a bike were given away as prizes. Thanks go to Senior Constable Brett Barnes, Doug Bathersby and Bill Watts for their support on the day.

Hawkesbury Cycles donated a bike to give away as a prize. Council's Road Safety Program Co-ordinator asked if a letter of thanks could be forwarded to Hawkesbury Cycles."

4.2 Draft Cycling Pamphlet

A draft of the cycling pamphlet was tabled for discussion. The pamphlet includes an updated map and relevant information about cycling. It is anticipated that this resource will be printed before the end of the year and distributed to a number of points for distribution. These include schools, Hawkesbury Tourism and bicycle shops.

It is proposed that large versions of the map will be displayed along existing cyclepaths with Ham Common being the first of these locations.

A few suggestions were made in relation to the contents of the pamphlet and it was requested that any further comments on the resource be directed to Council's Road Safety Program Co-ordinator within a week for inclusion in the final draft.

4.3 Bicycle Infrastructure and Promotion

Mr Hugh McKinnon, community representative tabled the following notes for the committee's general information.

"The establishment of a bicycle infrastructure and promotion of cycling as a method of transportation is very important given the growing evidence of the need to find and implement alternatives to oil based transportation. Recent reports on national radio have indicated that the dominance of oil based fuels for motor vehicle transport has only two more decades.

Whilst hydrogen based and hybrid vehicles are seen as a replacement there are massive transition issues including affordability. The work of the bicycle steering committee is very important as it complements the work of other planners in facilitating cycling - an environmentally sustainable mode of transport."

4.4 Sub-regional Network Buttsworth Creek Squeeze Point

This matter was first raised by the committee at its meeting held on 23 August 2000. At that meeting it was resolved to seek formal advice from the RTA in regard to:

- i its short to medium plans for any proposed improvements to the narrow concrete bridge that traverses Buttsworth Creek on the Wilberforce Road.
- ii in the immediate term requesting that consideration be given to the provision of funding under the State Government's Action for Bikes Plan 2010 Program for the construction of attached pedestrian/cycleway paths on either side of the structure.

It was subsequently advised that the upgrade of the Buttsworth Creek Bridge had not been included in the State Government's Action for Bikes Plan 2010 Program and further that there were no current in-house plans to upgrade the structure.

A continuing increase in traffic volumes, particularly heavy vehicles, has again prompted the need for a review of the situation. Council's Construction & Maintenance Manager, Richard Vaby provided the following technical details in a brief address to assist the committee in its discussions.

"Buttsworth Creek bridge is located on Wilberforce Road which is part of the State Road Network.

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Wilberforce Road carries in excess of 11,000 vehicles per day and provides a valuable cycleway link between the towns of Windsor and Wilberforce. However, this cycleway does not provide a continuous link as it terminates on either side of the bridge approach. Cyclists are encouraged to utilise this facility and are placed in a potentially hazardous situation when attempting to cross Buttsworth Creek Bridge.

The bridge including guard rail is 85m long and would take a pedestrian walking at a reasonable pace sixty seconds to reach safety, whilst a vehicle travelling at a regulated speed of 60kph (17 metres per second) can easily be upon the bridge from beyond sight distance (less than 7 seconds from a northerly approach) before traversing the length of the bridge.

In other words it is not possible for a pedestrian to cross the bridge without putting themselves at risk, as there is no safe sight distance available.”

Richard’s address was supported with a collection of photographs graphically illustrating the danger of sharing the bridge with other users in its current narrow two lane configuration.

It was resolved that the RTA be formally requested to review and reconsider its earlier decision in relation to its short to medium term plans for the Buttsworth Creek Bridge.

Jim Anderson advised that he would support the Committee’s approach to the RTA requesting that the bridge be upgraded and he asked if a copy of all formal correspondence could be forwarded to his office for information.

5 Next Meeting

The Committee resolved that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 February 2003.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

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Hawkesbury Sustainable Agriculture Development Strategy Committee - 13 November 2002

Present: Councillor (Dr) R Stubbs, Councillor C Paine, Councillor G Gilling, Councillor L Williams, Mr S Kernaghan (Planning NSW), Ms M Curtain (Planning NSW), Mr W Sheilds, Mr A Docking(NSW Agriculture), Mr B McKinlay, Mr M Ryan and Mrs R Cumming

Apologies: Councillor P Rasmussen, Mr B Crockford, Mr N Shedden

1. General Business:

1.1 Summary of Hawkesbury Sustainable Agriculture Development Strategy (HSADS) Process:

M Ryan presented the Committee with a presentation that outlined the HSADS process so far, including:

- Our City Our Future
- The HSADS Report
- The recommendations of HSADS
- Summary of draft Amendment 108
- Exhibition of draft Amendment 108
- Summary of the submissions
- Rezoning requests from exhibition period

1.2 Discussion of issues:

Land uses in the proposed Rural Living Zone:

The Committee discussed at length the issue of whether to allow intensive agriculture within the proposed Rural Living zone. A number of issues were raised in relation to this matter:

- Removing intensive agriculture from the zone may lead to further pressure for subdivision.
- If intensive agriculture is to continue in the zones, then clear guidelines need to be developed for land practices and assessment of Development Applications.
- Allowing intensive agriculture to continue removes the possibility of existing use rights applying to existing intensive agriculture establishments.
- Allowing intensive agriculture would allow for some security of tenure
- New activities or extension to existing agricultural activities would be tested against the new zones objectives.

The Committee agreed to amend the plan to continue to allow intensive agriculture with development consent within the proposed Rural Living Zones. The Committee also agreed to allow agriculture without consent after amending the definition (discussed below).

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M Ryan advised that draft Amendment 108 would need to be re-exhibited as a result of the amendments outlined above.

Environmental Issues

The Committee also discussed the objectives of the new zones and the environmental issues. General discussion was held about the numbering/order of the objectives and M Ryan advised that the order of the objectives could be amended to place the “environmental/best practice” objectives first.

Amendment to definitions

M Ryan advised the Committee of the current definition of agriculture and the Committee discussed how minor agricultural land uses or personal vegetable gardens can be “caught up” in this definition and therefore require consent.

The Committee agreed that it is appropriate to amend the definition of agriculture to remove the “personal consumption and enjoyment” element.

Furthermore, as a result of the environmental issues raised above it was agreed that the definition of intensive agriculture contained in Clause 44 of Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 be amended.

Intensive Agriculture Development Control Plan

M Ryan advised that a new chapter for the Hawkesbury Development Control Plan was being prepared for public exhibition. This chapter would provide details about land management practices and guidelines for applicants and Council to follow.

The Committee agreed that the Intensive Agriculture Chapter of the Development Plan should be placed in exhibition at the same time draft amendment 108 is re-exhibited.

Rezoning requests

M Ryan advised that a number of rezoning requests were received during the exhibition period.

The Committee agreed that draft amendment 108 was not about providing additional land for subdivision. It was also agreed that the rezoning requests were beyond the scope of the Committee. M Ryan advised that the rezoning requests would be reported separately to Council.

2. Future of the Committee

The membership of the Committee was discussed. It was agreed that another meeting be held in February 2003 to discuss the re-exhibition of the plan. It was agreed the Committee has an important ongoing roles to play and that Council be requested to extend the life of the Committee to advise on a range of rural issues, including the re-exhibition and finalisation of draft Amendment 108.

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3. Recommendations of the Committee:

Moved Councillor Stubbs and seconded Councillor Paine that Council be requested that the February Planning Weekend address the issue of planning resources.

Moved B McKinlay and seconded W Shields that the Committee request that Council amend draft amendment 108 to:

- A) (i) Allow intensive agriculture in Rural Living zones.
(ii) Test proposals under new zone objectives.
(iii) Allow agriculture without development consent in the Rural Living Zones
(iv) Amend definitions of intensive agriculture and agriculture; and
- B) Finalise the intensive agriculture chapter of the Development Control Plan

Moved Councillor Gilling and seconded Councillor Paine that the Committee request that Council re-exhibit draft Amendment 108 and this occur concurrently with the exhibition of the new chapter of the Development Control Plan.

Moved Councillor Gilling and seconded Councillor Paine that the HSADS is of great importance and Council be requested to allocate the appropriate level of funding to the process.

Moved B McKinlay and seconded Councillor Paine that the submissions received during the exhibition period be forwarded to all Councillors.

That the life of the Committee be extended to advise on the finalisation of the draft local environmental plan (Amendment 108).

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Hawkesbury Healthy City - 14 November 2002

The meeting commenced at 9.00am at Hawkesbury City Council,
Council Chambers Meeting Room

Present: Councillor Rex Stubbs- Mayor
Councillor Joan Woods
Darren Carr- Hawkesbury Division of GP's
Bashir Sumar- UWS Hawkesbury
Theresa Luland- Hawkesbury District Health Service
Joanne Adams- Hawkesbury City Council
Janet Hogge- Hawkesbury City Council
Jo Moylan- Community
Peter Davis- Community

Apologies: Garry Baldry- Hawkesbury City Council
Jeff Parkin- Local Area Command
Esther Anderson- Hawkesbury City Council

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Janet Hogge, Seconded by Councillor Rex Stubbs

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

In following up on the Hawkesbury Transport Survey, a meeting was held with members of the Accord and taxi drivers. Unfortunately no taxi drivers attended the meeting or tendered their apologies. Robert Montgomery has suggested contact with the Ministers office should be made to generate further interest.

Janet Hogge has been asked to arrange a memo to the Mayor detailing the results of the meeting.

Correspondence

Minutes of the Hawkesbury Nepean Growers Service Providers meeting were tabled.

Greater Metropolitan Transition Taskforce forwarded flyers on the establishment of 18 stroke units throughout the Greater Metropolitan region.

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Subcommittee Updates

1.1 *Hawkesbury Division of General Practise*

Darren Carr expressed an interest to the Hawkesbury Show organisers to participate in next years show. The Division was put on the waiting list. Darren Carr requested that Hawkesbury Council provide some space in their tent to accommodate the division. Darren Carr was referred to Esther Anderson.

The after hours care funding at Hawkesbury District Hospital was successful. This will provide an increased after hours service care to the community in need of immediate minor medical attention. After hours care will reduce the impact on the hospital.

The Quality Use of Medicines position has been advertised for the 4th time. It is expected that the position will be appointed by the next meeting.

The Federal Health Minister has announced a further twelve months funding to the divisions. The purpose of this further funding is to conduct a ministerial review of the Divisions of General Practice to identify the role, purpose, number and size of the divisions. Hawkesbury, Nepean and Blue Mountains fear an amalgamation of the surrounding divisions. The ideal numbers of GP's operating in any one division is said to be 400. Hawkesbury operates with 80 GP's, this fosters local ownership and strong networks. Hawkesbury's strong identity will be lost if amalgamation occurs. Darren Carr moved that we write a submission to the minister on behalf of Healthy Cities. This motion was second by Bashir Sumar. Darren Carr to write submission.

1.2 *Hawkesbury District Health Service (HDHS)*

Theresa Luland informed the committee of her resignation for Hawkesbury District Health Service. Kitty Kuar will attend in her place. An electronic copy of HDHS monthly report has been attached to the end of the minutes.

1.3 *Hawkesbury City Council*

(a) Road Safety

Janet Hogge attended the Research, Policy and Education conference to present results of the fatigue research conducted locally. The research was very well received by conference delegates.

The Drink Drive program will continue again this year over Christmas and New Year. Catering companies will be approached to distribute party packs containing recipes for mocktails, a glass and drink driving information. Fridge magnets will be distributed through bottle shops. Having a designated driver or using courtesy busses and taxis will be promoted. Bar mats will be produced with standard drink measurements on them.

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The RTA have provided funding for a Drink Drive coordinator position in the Wentworth Area Health Service. The position covers the Hawkesbury, Blue Mountains, Penrith and Blacktown. The position is also designed to support road safety officers in councils.

1.4 Councillor Joan Woods

(a) Wilberforce Bridge

Councillor Woods is continuing raise awareness regarding the narrowness of Buttworth Creek Bridge at Wilberforce. Traffic usage is around 11,000 movements daily. Black spot funding is unavailable as no fatalities have occurred on the bridge. Councillor Woods has moved that Garry Baldry is to write a letter to the Minister for Transport (cc: Jim Anderson, Kevin Rossoli) to support the initiative to improve pedestrian and cycle safety across Buttsworth Creek Crossing. The committee requests the RTA to pursue funding for the widening of the bridge. A number of points were identified by the committee to support the letter:

- A number of other alternative options have been considered.
- Major group socially disadvantaged by the bridge.
- Poor public transport to the area.
- Limited personal transport.
- Residents often have small children.
- Major risk to lives across bridge.
- Increased social isolation from services in Windsor such as the hospital and shops.

Widening of the bridge also opens up the network of local cycleways.

(b) Skateboard Ramp

The Hawkesbury Skateboard ramp was officially opened on 2 November 2002. The ramp has been an amazing success attracting positive feedback. The ramp will be a great asset to the vision of a recreational facility and use of Ham Common Reserve.

Unfortunately installation of the ramp has led to a new extreme sport. Skaters are crossing the track in front of the trains, competing to cross closest to the train.

Councillor Woods expressed the need to put in place a management plan for the skate park to maintain some level of proactive control. Ongoing management is required by council to organise and promote events and not lose current momentum.

Triple bottom line of the Skate ramp was discussed:

- Economic.
- Removal of graffiti.
- Patronage for City Rail.
- Increase in sales at local businesses.

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A theft problem has arisen at the Ampol Service station with skaters purchasing drinks and stealing chips on the way out. Jeff Parkin to be notified of the problem.

(1) Environmental

- Huge increase in littering behaviour.

(2) Social

- Reinforces a sense of community.
- Regional - skaters coming from outside the LGA.
- Easy target for truancy officers.

Skaters from North Richmond have expressed concerns that their skate park may not be built. Funding has been approved for the park and it will be built. There has been a large amount of opposition from North Richmond residents to building a park.

The regional skate park originally proposed to be built in North Richmond was forced to move somewhere where it will have a minimal impact.

1.5 Joanna Moylan- Community

Joanna expressed concerns about pedestrian safety at Richmond Marketplace where traffic enters and leaves the premises. A number of individuals have requested STOP signs be erected and have been informed by centre management that it is in the hands of council. Janet Hogge will visit Richmond Market place to see what they have done to resurrect the problem. Visibility across the road from McDonalds to the Marketplace is also difficult due to the growth of young trees.

Joanna also expressed concerns that train travellers are expected to pay extra to transport bicycles. Difficulties arise when students are trying to reduce car travel and are having to pay for a bike on the train system as well. This does not encourage sustainable travel.

(a) UWS- Hawkesbury

Lynne Saville and Bashir Sumar contemplating a questionnaire for the Food barn addressing issues such as whether it serves the community adequately, does it supply what they need and how their further needs can be met.

A lengthy discussion was held on the future of the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury. The committee members resolved to write a letter to the university expressing their concerns.

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General Business

2.1 Healthy Cities Challenge

GO 40 FOR ME was nominated as November's winner.

Meeting closed at 11am.

Attachment

Hawkesbury District Health Service Ltd
Population Health Monthly Report
October 2002 (Distributed Separately)

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Hawkesbury Economic Development Advisory Committee - 14 November 2002

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm at Council Chambers Administration Building

Present: Councillor Lorna Allan (Chairperson), Councillor Joan Woods, Mr Barry Crockford, Mr Brian Mitchell, Mr Bart Bassett Mr Brian Lindsay, Ms Carole Maher, Mr David Tuxford, Wing Commander Steve Richards, Ms Ann Young.

Also Present: Mr Geoff Banting, Ms Karina Groth, Ms Keren Lavery.

Apologies: Councillor Kevin Conolly, Mr Kerry Bartlett (MP), Mr David Mason, Mr Robert Calvert.

Ms Keren Lavery left at 6.45pm

Councillor Joan Woods left at 7.20pm

Karina Groth left at 7.30pm

Mr Geoff Banting left at 7.40pm

Carol Maher left at 8.12pm

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2002 were confirmed.

Moved by Ms Carole Maher, seconded by Mr Bart Bassett

Correspondence

Correspondence was received as follows:

1. An invitation from GROW Employment Council Board members to celebrate five years of GROW and the achievements of the GROW Network at the Novotel hotel on Tuesday 26 November 2002 commencing at 6.00pm.
2. An invitation from the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board and the New South Wales Department of State and Regional Development to Christmas Cocktails at the Trade and Investment Centre at North Parramatta on Tuesday 3 December commencing at 6.00pm.
3. From the Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce and Industries a copy of their response to the Department of Defence on the Draft Report of the Economic and Social Impact of the RAAF Base Richmond on the Hawkesbury and surrounding regions.
4. An invitation from Hawkesbury Harvest, Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce to Christmas Cocktails at Loxsley on Bellbird on 11 December 2002 commencing at 7.30pm.
5. From Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. the October/November Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. Newsletter "Tourism Tales".

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6. Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board a copy of their film industry project proposal.

Recommendation

That the correspondence be received.

Moved by Mr Bart Bassett, seconded by Ms Carol Maher

1. Presentation by Keren Lavery from Sydney West Marketing

Ms Keren Lavery from Sydney West Marketing gave a presentation on the opportunities that Sydney West Marketing has created for the local area, as well as highlighting the objectives and achievements for the Greater Western Sydney Ambassador Program.

Ms Lavery also thanked HEDAC for their continued support and sponsorship of the Ambassador Program.

Recommendation

That a working party be formed to meet with Sydney West Marketing to increase the input of HEDAC in the Greater Western Sydney Ambassador Program.

Moved by Mr Brian Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Joan Woods

2. Submission to Department of Defence on the Draft Report on the Richmond RAAF Base Economic Impact Study

Submissions to the Department of Defence on the Draft Report on the Richmond RAAF Base Economic Impact Study have been very disappointing with only three submissions being received. HEDAC was very concerned that this could be interpreted by the Department of Defence in an adverse manner.

HEDAC was unanimous in its debate on the subject that Council's Mayor, General Manager, Mr Kerry Bartlett Federal MP, and the Chairperson of HEDAC commence lobbying to the Federal Government immediately to ensure the continuation of the Richmond RAAF Base and at the very least ensure that the Department of Defence is willing to look at alternative uses for the base. HEDAC was also unanimous in that it felt funds needed to be allocated by Council to spend on a consultant, with economic expertise, to challenge the economic indicators contained within the Draft Report.

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Recommendation

That:

1. A working party consisting of the Mayor, General Manager, Mr Kerry Bartlett Federal MP and the Chairperson of HEDAC commence lobbying to the Federal Government to ensure the continuation of the Richmond RAAF Base.
2. As part of the lobbying process, the working party seek assurances from the Department of Defence that they are willing to look at alternative uses for the Richmond RAAF Base.
3. HEDAC recommend to Council that funds be set aside for the purpose of engaging a consultant, with economic expertise, to write a report challenging the economic indicators in the Draft Report on the Richmond RAAF Base Economic Impact Study.
4. Mr Wayne Gregson from PriceWaterhouseCoopers be invited to the next HEDAC meeting to discuss the Draft Report and advise the committee of the progress of Stage 2 of the Draft Report.
5. A sub committee be formed to investigate alternative businesses that could be encouraged to set up their operations within the Hawkesbury Region.

Moved by Mr Barry Crockford, seconded by Ms Ann Young

3. Tourism Hawkesbury Inc.- Branding “Hawkesbury” update

Ms Karina Groth, Manager of Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. (THI) presented to HEDAC the two draft logo's and positioning statements that had been developed through two successful branding workshops of which over 85 participants attended. The aim of the workshops were to bring together all the key stakeholders (Council, Hawkesbury Harvest, Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce and business/members) within the area to come up with ideas on the definition of what the essence of Hawkesbury is. Any brand should depict the destination of the area and about the experiences the area can give to visitors. It should be also reflective of the community of the Hawkesbury in general.

Whilst the members of HEDAC recognised the hard work that had gone into this project to date, it could not come to a general consensus on whether the two draft logos and positioning statements placed before it were the best for the Hawkesbury region. HEDAC suggested that a working party be formed and meet as soon as practical with Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. to further discuss the issues for the branding project to progress.

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Recommendation

That:

1. HEDAC advise Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. that it does not support either branding logo at this stage and feel that further input from “the customers”, not just the local businesses, should take place.
2. HEDAC seek further involvement with Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. to assess the data collected from the branding workshops.
3. A sub committee consisting of the Chairperson, Ms Carole Maher, Mr Barry Crockford, HEDAC’s executive officer and Mr Geoff Banting (Director, Community and Corporate Services) meet with Tourism Hawkesbury Inc. to discuss these issues.

4. Richmond Main Street Program

Mr Robert Montgomery, Council’s Manager, Building and Development, addressed HEDAC on the Richmond Main Street Program. Mr Montgomery talked of the meetings that have been held and discussed some of the concepts that have been debated at the meetings. He spoke of the progress that has been made to date and said that local businesses within the Richmond main street area have been very supportive of the program.

HEDAC thanked Mr Montgomery for all his hard work and looked forward to future presentations on the Richmond Main Street Program.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Moved by Mr Brian Mitchell, seconded by Wing Commander Steve Richards

5. Sponsorship Opportunities

A report was presented to HEDAC advising of two sponsorship requests that have been received. The requests are from Westbiz Expo, who are promoting trade shows and business promotions and the Office of Western Sydney for their 2003 Western Sydney Industry Awards. Whilst HEDAC was very supportive of both opportunities, it had insufficient funds in its current budget allocation to be able to allocate towards either sponsorship opportunity.

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Recommendation

That

1. HEDAC support in principle both requests for sponsorship.
2. A report be provided for the next General Purpose Committee Meeting of Council outlining both sponsorship requests.

Moved Ms Ann Young, seconded Mr Barry Crockford

General Business

1. HEDAC's Chairperson announced that the joint funding proposal put forward by HEDAC and Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce and Industries Inc. to the Department of Transport and Regional Services through the Commonwealth Regional Assistance Program (RAP), for the funding of the Hawkesbury Home Base Business Connection, has been successful. The amount of funding is \$47, 163.00 (GST inclusive) and the project is set to commence in early 2003. It is anticipated that the project will run for just over twelve months.
2. Ms Ann Young Director of Community Relations Hawkesbury District Health Services Limited has advised that a discussion paper titled "Options for the Revitalisation of the Hawkesbury Campus" has been released which relates specifically to the possible removal of nursing from the courses on offer at the UWS campus at Hawkesbury. Ms Young has requested that HEDAC make a submission to UWS opposing any reduction in student intake for nursing or the removal of nursing from the Hawkesbury campus. Submissions are due by the 29 November 2002.
3. Ms Ann Young Director of Community Relations Hawkesbury District Health Services Limited advised that a submission by the District Health Service has been successful in obtaining funding for an after hours GP clinic at the Hawkesbury District Hospital.
4. Ms Young also advised that the Wentworth Area Health Service has received additional funding for service enhancements.
5. Mr Bart Bassett tabled correspondence received from a businessman who was not happy with the level of service he received from Council with regards to an enquiry he had made about a block of land he had purchased for the purpose of expanding his current business. Mr Bassett requested a response at the next HEDAC meeting.

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Local Traffic Committee - 29 November 2002

Present: Councillor P Davies (Chairman)
The Hon K Rozzoli, MP
Sen Constable G Schmahl - NSW Police Service
Mr J Christie, Office of Mr J Anderson, MP
Mr C Ladas - Roads & Traffic Authority

Also Present: Mr C Daley, Director Asset Services & Recreation
Mrs J Hogge, Road Safety Officer
Mr T Shepherd, Administrative Officer, Asset Services & Recreation

1 Minutes

1.1 Minutes for the meeting held on 25 October 2002 were confirmed.

2 Correspondence

2.1 NSW Demerit Point Scheme - 'Call for Comment'

Introduction

The NRMA has recently undertaken social research in regard to driver attitudes towards the Demerit Point Scheme. This follows concerns expressed to the NRMA by its members and the community in relation to the current scheme.

The results of this research have been incorporated into the document NSW Demerit Point Scheme - 'Call for Comment'. The aim of this document is to encourage wide discussion and feedback from individuals, community groups, organisations and road safety stakeholders.

In order to facilitate discussion and debate, a series of questions and discussion points are posed that consider:

- whether the Demerit Points Scheme is effective in contributing to improved road safety by deterring offenders.
- whether the scheme is fully understood.
- whether the scheme is fair, with penalties reflecting the severity of offences.
- whether the community is aware of the scheme and how it works.
- the effectiveness of double demerit periods.
- the need for the scheme to address the issues of emerging technology and distraction.

Present Scheme

The current Demerit Points Scheme was introduced in 1969. Changes to the scheme have occurred since then, including an increase from 2 to 3 years for the total number of points to be accumulated, and the introduction of a National Exchange Scheme.

The purpose of the scheme is twofold. It aims to:

- identify persistent traffic offenders who have a high accident risk by their accumulation of demerit points.
- discourage unsafe and irresponsible driving behaviour by persistent offenders, as the accumulation of demerit points becomes a constant reminder that the driver's licence could be suspended.

Suspension of unrestricted gold, silver and magenta licenses occurs when the demerit points limit has been reached. Suspension periods are:

12-15 points	=	3 months
16-19 points	=	4 months
20 or more points	=	5 months

Provisional licence drivers are suspended for 3 months. The limit for a P1 license is 4 points and a P2 license 7 points. A 'Good Behaviour Period' can be served if a driver does not want to lose their licence. This does not apply for Provisional drivers.

Overview of Discussion and Recommendations

On review of the offences that attract demerit points, when viewed within the aims and intent of the scheme, it can be seen there are a number of inconsistencies. For instance some traffic offences (although not overtly risky in nature) attract the same points as offences that are clearly huge road safety issues. For example, driving in a bus or truck lane attracts 3 demerit points as does exceeding the speed limit by more than 15km/h but no more than 30km/h.

This is clearly an area that needs to be addressed. The Demerit Points Scheme should focus on those driving behaviours that are contributing to road trauma. Other traffic offences could be addressed through fines. This is consistent with the NRMA recommendations arising from the research.

The report indicates that there is support for demerit points from the majority of drivers who took part in the research. However, although 87% of drivers believe that if they have a few points on their record they would drive more carefully, 65% of drivers who have experienced this say they do not drive more carefully. This would indicate that further research should be undertaken to determine if:

- the drivers who don't change their behaviour are those who fall into the serious offenders category and,

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- what effects overall the system is having on driving behaviours for all drivers

Again, this is consistent with the NRMA recommendations.

Speeding being the greatest contributor to road trauma is specifically addressed in the report. Under the current scheme, speeding offences attract a loss of points ranging from 1 to 6. These are doubled during certain high risk periods. The introduction of 40km/h school zones and 50km/h urban zones was based on the fact that lower speed limits result in less severe injuries to pedestrians hit by a moving vehicle. In addition, the risk of crashing increases with an increase in speed.

The current penalty for speeding under 15km/h is one demerit point and a \$118 fine. This is less than the 3 demerit points that are applied for driving in a bus or truck lane.

The NRMA propose the following three alternatives:

Reduce the speed bands to 10km/h intervals. This has the advantage of compressing and in a sense toughening speeding penalties.

- The speeding offence for driving up to 15km/h could be doubled from 1 to 2 points and the fine removed.
- Combine both of the above alternatives so that there is a reduced interval of 10km/h and zero fine for the lowest band.

The NRMA justify a one point increase in the penalty for driving up to 15km/h above the speed limit as sending out a message that the system is about road safety and not revenue raising.

The report supports community acceptance of the 12 point scheme. There is some issue with the fact that points remain on record for a period of 3 years particularly among those have already have points accumulated. These drivers are also critical of all aspects of the scheme. It would appear that until drivers accumulate points they see the scheme as being fair and a deterrent.

This report poses questions in relation to distraction. This can be caused by eating, drinking, changing the radio station or by in-vehicle technology. The law in NSW states that "in the event of an accident a driver must be able to demonstrate they were not doing anything that caused them to lose control of the vehicle".

The issue of distractions provides similar problems of enforcement as does the issue of fatigue. Unless there are clear indications that a driver was doing something that caused them to lose control of the vehicle it could be very difficult to prove. The report takes a similar view.

Double demerit points are discussed in terms of whether or not the periods when they are in operation should be extended. Given the fact that double demerit points have been highly effective when applied during specific high risk periods, extending this aspect of the scheme could serve to undermine its effectiveness. This is consistent with the NRMA's view.

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In general the NRMA's position is as follows:

- All offences that are safety related should incur demerit points.
- Consideration should be given to changing the penalties for those offences that are traffic-related, such that they may only incur fines. For those drivers who repeatedly commit traffic-related offences, a different penalty option should be explored.
- In the case of speeding offences, the bands for penalties should be reviewed, to better align penalties with speed limit hierarchy and relative risk. In order to demonstrate to drivers that speeding penalties are not about raising revenue, the NSW Government's review should involve consideration of changing the lowest band for speeding from 1 point and \$118 to 2 points and \$0.
- Further research needs to be conducted by the State Government to determine those factors which will enhance the effectiveness of demerit points in deterring drivers from committing offences.

From a road safety perspective, there is merit in supporting the NRMA's position with an emphasis on undertaking further research as a first step in refining the scheme.

In conclusion, the Demerit Point System needs to be clearly understood by the community and accepted as fair and equitable. The scheme should inflict penalties that are commensurate with the offence. This would serve to identify those drivers who present the greatest risk and is much more likely to be accepted by the general community. The scheme should focus on those aspects of driver behaviour that pose a direct threat to the wellbeing of all road users.

Recommendation:

That the NRMA's position relating to the Demerit Point Scheme be supported subject to:

The NSW Government investigate imposition of additional points in situations where an accident occurs; and

With regard to point 3 that the fine be retained as well as increasing the demerit points from 1 to 2.

3 Reports

3.1 Moray Street Richmond - One Way Traffic Flow - Hawkesbury City Council

Following recommendation by the Local Traffic Committee, Council resolved that subject to consultation with the residents of Moray Street and Francis Street between Paget and Bourke Streets, that investigation be undertaken to impose one-way northbound traffic flow on Moray Street between Windsor Street and Francis Street, with 60 degree rear to kerb parking.

1 General Conditions**1.1 Road Function/Class**

Moray Street is a local road in Richmond.

1.2 Road Characteristics**(a) Alignment**

The horizontal alignment of Moray Street consists of a single straight section.

(b) Pavement

The width of the carriageway of Moray Street between the kerbs is approximately 12.9m.

(c) Traffic Characteristics/Controls

The current regulatory speed limit on Moray Street is 50 kph. The current regulatory speed limit during school days from 8.00am-9.30am and from 2.30pm-4.00pm is 40 kph.

Reference to the RTA Road Traffic Accident Database from January 1997 to November 2001 indicates that no accidents have been recorded on Moray Street between Windsor Street and Francis Street.

1.3 Traffic Volumes/Details

Traffic volume of 300 ADT was recorded in 2001 on Moray Street between Windsor Street and Francis Street. The existing 85th percentile speed along this section of Moray Street is 48 kph.

2 Discussion

As a consultation process with the residents of Moray and surrounding streets, letters were sent to the residents inviting comments on the proposal to impose one-way traffic flow on Moray Street.

The results from comments received are as indicated below:

- Seven out of nine residents of Moray Street opposed the proposal.
- One resident of Moray Street supported the proposal.
- No response was received from the remaining resident.
- Two residents from Burgess Street opposed the proposal.

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- One resident from Windsor Street, one resident from Paget Street and one resident from Francis Street supported the proposal.
- In addition, a petition signed by 40 parents of Richmond Public School opposing the proposal has been received.

As shown above, the majority of the residents oppose the one-way traffic flow proposal. The following reasons were mentioned in their comments.

- 1 One-way traffic flow will increase the speed of traffic. This will be a potential danger for the school children crossing the road.
- 2 Garbage bins have to be kept on the western side of Moray Street for collection. The difficulty of pushing the bins across the road.
- 3 The motorists travelling from Moray Street to Windsor have to turn right to Francis Street and then turn right to Bourke Street. The anticipated increase in the volume and speed of traffic on Francis Street will make these right turning manoeuvres very difficult.
- 4 The alignment of Burgess Street is narrow (6.6m). There is reasonable residential and school traffic flow on Burgess Street. Imposing one-way northbound traffic flow on Moray Street will increase the volume of southbound traffic on Burgess Street. This additional traffic will be generated by the school traffic and the motorists travelling from Francis Street to Windsor Street. The existing "after school" traffic congestion will be transferred from Moray Street to Burgess Street.
- 5 Angle parking is already in existence in Moray Street. So the availability of parking for parents cannot be maximised.

In view of the above results and the apparent genuine public concern to not proceed, it would be appropriate to review the Local Traffic Committee resolution about imposing one-way northbound traffic flow on Moray Street.

Informal forty five degree angle parking on the western side and parallel parking on the eastern side is currently allowed on Moray Street. Only 30 degree angle parking on the western side and parallel parking on the eastern side can be safely accommodated with two-way traffic flow on Moray Street in accordance with clause 7.1.1 of Austroads Parking Guide. To accommodate 30 degree angle parking the existing trees in the pavement need to be removed. The removal of these trees considering their age and benefit to the street scape is not supported.

Recommendation:

That the implementation of one-way northbound traffic flow on Moray Street between Windsor Street and Francis Street with 60 degree rear to kerb parking not proceed at this stage.

3.2 Moray Street, Richmond - Proposed Closure of Pedestrian Railway Crossing - Railinfrastructure Corporation

Question Without Notice 3.1, Local Traffic Committee Meeting, 24 May 2002, Mr M Pace - in response to advice from the Railinfrastructure Corporation to close the Moray Street, Richmond pedestrian railway crossing, resolved that this matter be reported to the General Purpose Committee meeting to allow the community to address Council.

Report:

This matter was discussed with a representative from Railinfrastructure Corporation on 15 November 2002 who advised that the issue was not proceeding due to adverse public comment and that formal advice would issue in due course.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

3.3 Railway Road South/Level Crossing Road, Vineyard - Speed Restriction - NSW Police Service

Representations have been received from Windsor Police requesting that consideration be given for the installation of 60 kph regulatory speed limit signs on Railway Road South, Mulgrave. Currently there are no speed limit signs on this road.

Report

Railway Road South is a local road approximately 2 km in length. The horizontal alignment consists of a well-developed circular curve and a straight section. The vertical alignment consists of two vertical curves with mild to steep, uphill and downhill slopes. There are two railway crossings very close to both ends of this road. There are rural residential land lots on one side of the road and the railway line on the other side.

The sealed carriageway width of Railway Road South is approximately 5.5 metres and the nature strip is very narrow on one side of the road. Traffic volumes of 1000 ADT were recorded in 1997. The 85th percentile speed is 89 kph. The RTA Accident Database indicates no accidents from the period January 1997 to December 2001.

In view of the above factors, it would be appropriate to install 70 kph regulatory speed limit signs at both ends of Railway Road South and left and right curve warning signs with curve advisory speeds in advance of the curve.

Level Crossing Road is a local residential road which links Railway Road South to Windsor Road. Currently there are no speed limit signs on Level Crossing Road. The horizontal alignment consists of a straight section. The vertical alignment consists of a series of vertical curves with mild to steep, uphill and downhill slopes. There is a railway crossing at the end of the sealed section of this road. The length of the

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sealed section of Level Crossing Road is approximately 0.5 km and the gravel section is approximately 1 km. Traffic volumes of 1200 ADT were recorded in 1997. The 85th percentile speed is 63 kph. Therefore, it would be appropriate to install 60 kph regulatory speed limit signs at both ends of Level Crossing Road.

Recommendation

- 1 That the RTA be requested to give consideration to installing:
 - (i) 70 kph regulatory speed limit signs at both ends of Railway Road South.
 - (ii) 60 kph regulatory speed limit signs at both ends of Level Crossing Road.
- 2 That left and right curve warning signs with curve advisory speeds be installed just in advance of the curve in Railway Road South.

3.4 Pedestrian Safety - South Sydney Juniors Holiday Resort, Greens Road, Lower Portland

Report:

Representations have been received from the managers of South Sydney Juniors Holiday Resort regarding perceived danger to pedestrians while crossing Greens Road near the Resort due to the speed of vehicles travelling on Greens Road.

They claim that a large number of children and elderly people who are staying at the Resort are at risk. They requested that consideration be given for the installation of warning signs, speed humps and a pedestrian crossing.

Discussion:

Greens Road is a rural distributor road and the horizontal alignment consists of a series of sub-standard curves. The sealed carriageway width near the Resort is approximately 3.5 metres and the nature strip is very narrow on both sides of the road. A 200 metre long section of the road near the Resort is sealed and most of the other sections are unsealed. Traffic volumes of 45 ADT were recorded in 1991. The RTA Accident Database indicates no accidents involving pedestrians during the period from January 1997 to December 2001.

Even though the current regulatory speed limit on Greens Road near the Resort is 80 kph, due to the series of sub-standard curves, possible travelling speed is considerably less than 80 kph. The available sight distance for pedestrians to oncoming traffic is inadequate and care is required to walk safely across Greens Road from the Resort to the adjoining recreational area. Because young families are predominate users of the facility, it would be appropriate for that reason alone to consider installing "Watts Profile" speed humps at either approach to the resort.

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In regard to the request for a pedestrian crossing, traffic counts indicate very few vehicles pass the site and for this reason, the conditions that would justify the installation of a crossing at this location are not being met.

It is not advisable to install a "Pedestrians" warning sign in advance of a speed hump as this may cause a priority conflict between pedestrians and vehicles while crossing the road near the speed hump. The existing "Children Crossing" sign on the tree should be removed.

Recommendation:

- 1 That approval be given for the following pavement treatments to be carried out on Greens Road near the Resort:
 - a) Install two "Watts Profile" speed humps as per Appendix A.
 - b) Install guide posts for a length of 65m as per Appendix A.
- 2 That the existing "Children Crossing" sign on the tree be removed.

3.5 Traffic safety - Intersection of Sirius Road/Rifle Range Road, Bligh Park

Report

Representation has been received from Councillor Kevin Conolly on behalf of a resident of Sirius Road, Bligh Park raising concerns in relation to traffic safety at the "T" intersection of Sirius Road and Rifle Range Road, Bligh Park. It is claimed that some motorists turn right from Rifle Range Road into Sirius Road in a dangerous manner by crossing the travelling lane of oncoming traffic on Sirius Road.

Discussion:

The RTA Accident Database indicates one injury accident at this intersection during the period from January 1997 to December 2001. Traffic volumes of 1940 ADT were recorded in 1997 on Sirius Road and 4991 ADT on Rifle Range Road in 1998.

It appears that some motorists turn right from Rifle Range Road into Sirius Road by crossing the travelling lane of oncoming traffic on Sirius Road. The construction of a 10 metre long median island on Sirius Road at this intersection, will prevent motorists cutting across oncoming traffic. In addition, it will provide positive guidance for vehicle turning manoeuvres by forcing motorists to turn right slowly on a correct alignment. This will improve overall safety at this intersection.

Recommendation

1. That a 10 metre long median island be constructed on Sirius Road at its intersection with Rifle Range Road. (See Appendix B)

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2. That a 30 metre long barrier line be marked from this median island back along the centre line of Sirius Road.
3. That two "No Stopping" signs be installed for a length of 11m on Sirius Road and 10m on Rifle Range Road as per figure for the safe passage of large vehicles.

3.6 No Stopping - Racecourse Road, Clarendon

Introduction:

Concerns have been expressed that parking by patrons of the recently constructed skateboard ramp, on the western side of the western leg of Racecourse Road, Clarendon, interferes with the free movement of vehicles.

Discussion:

There are two travelling lanes (each 3.5m wide) for vehicles to travel from Racecourse Road to Richmond Road on the western leg of Racecourse Road (see Appendix C). During the peak periods, vehicles making a right turn to Richmond Road travel on the right lane and vehicles making a left turn travel on the left lane of the western leg as shown. Any restriction to the free flow of vehicles at this location, triggers a stalling of traffic movements back across the adjacent rail corridor and along Racecourse Road to the south.

Therefore, it would be appropriate to introduce a "No Stopping" zone for a length of 100 metres between the railway crossing and Richmond Road to maintain the traffic movements.

Recommendation:

That "No Stopping" signs be installed on the western side of the western leg of Racecourse Road for a length of 100 metres between the railway crossing and Richmond Road as per Appendix C.

3.7 Pedestrian Safety - Colonial Drive, Bligh Park

Report:

Representations have been received from Mr Keith Walters and Mrs Wendy Walters of 10 Bateman Place, Bligh Park raising concerns in relation to pedestrian safety at the road hump near 29 Colonial Drive, Bligh Park.

They claim that there is considerable community confusion about the device which consists of a road hump and four kerb blisters as to whether it is a pedestrian crossing or a road hump. They requested that consideration be given to modifying this device so that it may be used as a safe pedestrian refuge and crossing.

Discussion:

Colonial Drive is a local distributor road in Bligh Park. The width of the carriageway between the kerbs is 12.8 metres. Current regulatory speed limit is 50 km/hr. Traffic volumes of 5870 ADT (Average Daily Traffic) were recorded in 2002. The RTA Accident Database indicates one injury accident involving a pedestrian near the road hump during the period from January 1997 to December 2001. The 85th percentile speed is 66 kph. Peak hour traffic volumes of 593 and pedestrian volumes of 14 were recorded.

The traffic calming device on Colonial Drive consists of a "Flat Top" road hump, four kerb blisters and two pram ramps. There is a "Pedestrian Ahead" sign only on one side of the road hump, which could cause some confusion about the function of the device. There are no markings (zebra crossings) and standard crossing signs installed and technically the device is not a pedestrian crossing. This road hump device which is used by pedestrians, links an existing concrete pathway between Alexander Street and Scarsborough Place.

It is observed that most pedestrians have adopted this device as the accepted cross over point. This device is located on a pedestrian desire line and has a perception of pedestrian priority. Hence, as set out in the RTA Technical Direction TDT 2001/04, the device must be treated as though they serve both a traffic calming and a pedestrian crossing function.

Therefore, it would be appropriate to place a marked pedestrian crossing on the existing "Flat Top" road hump.

Recommendation:

- 1 That a pedestrian crossing be marked on the existing "Flat Top" road hump located near 29 Colonial Drive.
- 2 That the following associated signs be installed:
 - two "Pedestrian Crossing", two "Road Hump" and two "25 kph" signs at the hump.
 - two "Pedestrian Crossing Ahead" signs at 100m advance of the hump in both travelling directions.
 - "No Stopping" signs be installed at 20m advance of the hump on the approach side and 3m advance on the departure side along the north eastern and south western kerb alignments.
- 3 That the existing 40m long painted islands leading to the kerb blisters be modified as 20m long painted islands to match with the proposed "No Stopping" zones.

3.8 Nepean Park Estate - Reduction of speed limit - Roads and Traffic Authority

Advising that the Authority had reviewed the speed limit within Nepean Park Estate and determined to reduce the speed limit within the estate to 50km/hr

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

4. Questions Without Notice**4.1 Mr C Ladas**

Advising of representations received regarding double parking at the “No Parking” zone adjacent to Chisholm Catholic Primary School, Collith Avenue South Windsor.

Recommendation:

To defer further consideration of this matter to the next meeting and that a site inspection be carried out on 16 December 2002.

4.2 The Hon K Rozzoli

Enquired as to progress regarding investigation as to the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Kurrajong Road and Yarramundi Lane.

Mr C Daley advised that traffic counts had been completed and that a report would be submitted to the committee’s next meeting

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

4.3 Sen Constable G Schmahl

Advised that 80km/hr speed restriction signs were faded on Londonderry Road, Richmond near the University of Western Sydney.

Recommendation:

That the subject signs be replaced.

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4.4 *Sen Constable G Schmahl*

Advised of continuing incidence of eastbound vehicles on March Street Richmond utilising the dedicated left hand turn lane to pass vehicles undertaking right turn manoeuvre into East Market Street.

Recommendation:

That the Roads and Traffic Authority be requested to install “No Right Turn” signage on the eastbound approach of March Street to East Market Street.

4.5 *Mr J Christie*

Expressed concern at traffic queues at the railway crossing on Bourke Street, East Richmond.

Mr C Daley advised that rail infrastructure/Council/RTA personnel had undertaken recent audit of all railway crossings and were awaiting results prior to determining appropriate action.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

4.6 *Mr J Christie*

Advised of an accident on Blacktown Road, Richmond at the TAFE entrance and expressed concern at the poor condition of road marking at that location.

Recommendation:

That the Roads & Traffic Authority be requested to refurbish pavement marking on Blacktown Road, Richmond at the entrance to the TAFE.

4.7 *Councillor P Davies*

Advised that several road/warning regulatory signs have been vandalised in the Grose Wold area.

Recommendation:

That necessary maintenance work be carried out.

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5 Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Local Traffic Committee will be held at 10.00am, Friday 17 January 2003.

The meeting terminated at 11.20am.

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