



Hawkesbury City Council

general purpose committee minutes

date of meeting: 29 April 2003

location: Council Chambers

time: 9:00am

GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Business

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AGENDA

- **APOLOGIES.**
- **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**
- **SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT.**
- **SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE.**
- **SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES.**
- **NEXT MEETING.**

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Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purpose Committee held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on 29 April 2003, commencing at 9.00am.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G J Gilling and C J Woods.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Davies and seconded by Councillor Sheather that the apologies be accepted.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly and seconded by Councillor Sheather that the Minutes of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 25 March 2003, be confirmed with the following amendment:

Mayor Stubbs declaration to be removed from Item 25, Environment, Community Engagement in the New South Wales Planning System and placed at Item 24, Environment, Heritage Week 2003 - Program of Events and to read:

“Mayor Stubbs declared an interest as he is president of the Friends of the Hawkesbury Art Collection.”

Councillor Rasmussen arrived at the meeting at 9.12am

Councillor Finch left the meeting at 10.00am

Councillor Davies left the meeting at 10.00am

Councillor Finch returned to the meeting at 11.35am

Councillor Davies returned to the meeting at 11.35am

Councillor Allan arrived at the meeting at 11.35am

Councillor Williams left the meeting at 11.35am

Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 12.10pm

The following recommendations were passed as resolutions of the Committee:

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Mayoral Minute

Site Inspection - Pitt Town Investigation Area

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs seconded by Councillor Paine

That a site inspection of the land within the investigation area be carried out.

SECTION 1 - ENVIRONMENT

26: Proposed Aviary, Lot 32, DP 253767, No. 4 Kirra Place, Wilberforce (DA 1582/02/EVD/END29NAX.V04)

Mr Michael Hughes, proponent, addressed the Committee

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Paine

That this matter be deferred for a period of one month to allow respondents the opportunity to address Council.

27: Heritage Week 2003 (GH020/003/EVD/END29NBX.V02)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Finch seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. The information about Heritage Week 2003 be noted.
2. The heritage and historical organisations and heritage item owners involved in Heritage Week 2003 activities be thanked for their involvement.

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28: Linking Richmond Project - Urban Improvement Program Community Partnership Grant (79347/EVD/END29NBX.V05)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Conolly seconded by Councillor Finch

That Council nominate Councillor Allan to be a member of the linking Richmond Project Team.

29: Response to Question Without Notice from Councillor Finch Regarding Euthanasia of Animals at the Animal Shelter (107/EVD/END29NCX.V01)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Finch seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That the information be received.

30: Status of Current Planning Projects (79347/EVD/END29NCX.V06)

Councillor Sheather declared an interest as he has undertaken work for Hawkesbury Valley Holden

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Conolly seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That Amendment 115 be dealt with separately to all other amendments contained within the report.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Paine

That Amendment 115 be further reported to the Ordinary Meeting containing information relevant to the length of time, commencement date and estimated completion date of the project.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Finch

That the remaining amendments be further reported to the Ordinary Meeting containing information relevant to the length of time, commencement date and estimated completion date of the project.

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SECTION 2 - INFRASTRUCTURE

13: Prohibiting Consumption of Alcohol in Public Parks
(37880/13813/28935/ENG/IND29NBX.E02)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Paine seconded by Councillor Sheather

That:

1. The consumption of alcohol be prohibited at both the Regional Skate Park at Clarendon and Wilberforce Park at Wilberforce, in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act.
2. The consumption of alcohol between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am be prohibited at Peel Park at North Richmond, in accordance with Section 632 of the Local Government Act.
3. Appropriate signage be erected at the locations affected.

SECTION 3 - ORGANISATION AND RESOURCES

32: Monthly Financial Report - March 2003 (GF011/005/FNC/OGD29NAX.F06)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Sheather

That the information be received.

33: Leave of Absence (80109/CSV/OGD29NAX.C08)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Sheather

That leave of absence be granted to Councillor Joan Woods for the General Purpose Committee meeting 29 April 2003.

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**34: Review of Federally Funded Child Care Programs Including Family Day Care
(80563/CSV/OGD29NBX.C01)**

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Sheather

That:

1. The information be received.
2. A submission be lodged with the Department of Family and Community Services in response to review of funding arrangements for federally funded child care services as canvassed in the 'Child Care Broadband Development Project'. This submission to highlight the potential implications of any reduction in the level of operational subsidy provided to the Hawkesbury Family Day Care Scheme.
3. A copy of the submission to be forwarded to Mr Kerry Bartlett, Federal Member for Macquarie.

**35: Families First - 'Strengthening the Connections Between Communities & Families'
Project (79771/CSV/OGD29NBX.C02)**

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Paine

That Hawkesbury City Council write to the Department of Community Services to obtain the funding of \$20,000 available under the Strengthening Communities component of the Families First Program on behalf of the South Windsor Families First Reference Group. These funds are to be held by Council and allocated to fund activities in the South Windsor Families First Community Action Plan (as approved by the Reference Group).

**36: Proposed Road Closure - Bellbird Ave, Kurrajong Heights
(P0203/0025/ENG/OGD29NBX.E01)**

Councillor Calvert advised that he resided two properties away from the subject property

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RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Sheather seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. Council support the closure and sale of the unformed portion of road, adjoining 19 Bellbird Avenue, Kurrajong Heights, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Mr Andrew and Mrs Leeann Beddoes pay Council the sum of \$18,000 (eighteen thousand dollars).
 - ii. The portion of the closed Road is to be consolidated with the applicants existing land.
 - iii. The land to be appropriately rezoned and all associated expenses to be borne by the applicants.
 - iv. A Right of Way, allowing Hawkesbury Rural Fire Service unlimited access to/across the block be included in the Contract for Sale of Land.
 - v. All relevant legal and survey costs to be borne by the applicant.
2. The Seal of Council be affixed to all relevant documents.

37: Seniors Week 2003 (107/CSV/OGD29NCX.C04)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Calvert

That the information be received.

38: Youth Week Program - 'Big Thing 2003' (80241/CSV/OGD29NCX.C03)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Calvert

That the information be received.

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39: Potential for Arts and Economic Development in the Hawkesbury
(80363/CSV/OGD29NCX.C07)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Allan seconded by Councillor Paine

That:

1. Ms Tiffany Lee-Shoy, Regional Cultural Planning Coordinator from Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) and Mr Jeremy Wright, National Partnerships Manager from Australian Business Arts Foundation be thanked for their presentation to Council.
2. The information be received.

40: Appointment of Aboriginal Community Representative to the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Board (107/CSV/OGD29NCX.C05)

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen seconded by Councillor Sheather

That the information be received.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

1. Councillor Conolly requested a report in relation to the status of the Flood Management Committee.

The Director of Environment and Development advised a report would be provided.

2. Councillor Calvert requested an update on the proposed sale of land on Comleroy Road and enquired if the public meeting had taken place.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that the meeting would possibly take place in May 2003.

3. Councillor Williams advised that the condition of a section of Sackville Road, which had recently been sealed, had deteriorated and requested that the process be investigated in order to improve resealing methods.

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The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that he would undertake investigations into the resealing process.

4. Councillor Finch requested an update in relation to the residents meeting in regard to Comleroy Road.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that the meeting may be held some time in May.

5. Councillor Paine requested an update on the Picket Fence Project at McQuade Park.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that there had been a hold up with the provision of the pickets and Council has had to seek legal advice in order to receive the pickets. The Director of Asset Services and Recreation also advised that it has been a slow process and he would advise Councillor Paine of further information at a later time.

6. Councillor Paine requested an update in regard to drainage in Arndell Street. Councillor Paine advised that it was her understanding that the residents have not received any payment from Council in regard to the easement and that only one resident has received any payment due to taking the Council to the Land and Environment Court.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that he was currently investigating the matter and would prepare a report for Council.

7. Councillor Paine requested a time frame in regard to the shed on Old Stock Route Road.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that Council has currently received a proposal for Mr Zammit to settle the matter involving certain development matters and a cash settlement. The details have been referred to the resident objector who is a party to the matter. The Director of Environment and Development advised that he understood the resident objector would probably object to some components of the proposed settlement and in either case the matter must come to Council to resolve the cash settlement. The Director of Environment and Development advised that he would report the matter to Council within the next two months.

8. Councillor Paine requested information as to the total cost of money spent on St Albans Road and the total amount of Road that Council has sealed.

The Acting General Manager advised the information would be provided.

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9. Councillor Allan enquired as to whether Council has prohibited alcohol consumption in local parks.

The Mayor advised that this was subject to confirmation at the Ordinary meeting.

10. Councillor Rasmussen enquired if Council were able to identify which areas, farms or properties were declared drought or bushfire affected and now in receipt of State Aid and if not could Council make enquiries to find out.

The Acting General Manager advised that Council did not know this information but would try to investigate the matter.

11. Councillor Rasmussen enquired whether Council had a problem with the ISP provider ZETA and if so what could be done to rectify the problem.

The Acting General Manager advised that problems had been experienced with the current provider for the past three days and should further problems continue Council may have to look at sourcing another provider.

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

The Acting General Manager advised that it was still at Stage 2 and that Stage 1 has not been released as yet. He also advised that there has not been any further meetings with the Steering Committee since last month.

13. Councillor Rasmussen requested an update on the Topoclimate Project and where the Bilpin farmers fit into this picture.

The Acting General Manager advised that funding has come through in regard to the Hawkesbury Agricultural Retention through Diversification and Clustering Project (Topoclimate Project) and was reported in The Gazette last week. He advised that the farmers at Bilpin have decided to proceed with their own project in their own right and he advised that he had wished them the very best for their project. He also stated that it may be possible for the data collected from their project to be included in the overall analysis and preparation of business plans across the Hawkesbury, however, this will be dependant on a number of issues such as the successful consultant appointment and agreement by funding bodies that this can be achieved within funding guidelines.

14. Councillor Rasmussen enquired whether Council had provided the Bilpin farmers with any financial assistance to get their project up and running.

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The Acting General Manager advised that the financial allocation that Council has proposed is in next years draft budget is contributing towards the project under the Regional Assistance Program (RAP).

15. Councillor Rasmussen enquired as to whether Council agreed, in regard to 112 Horans Lane, that there was an anomaly in the boundary.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that Council has not made any resolution in regard to that matter and that Council need to investigate whether an anomaly exists and if it does exist, what to do about that, but there is no outstanding resolutions and there will need to be a notice of motion or a call for a report on the property.

16. Councillor Davies enquired whether an application had been received by Council for KFC in Richmond.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that Council had received an application from KFC for the Corner of March and Bosworth Street, Richmond.

17. Councillor Davies enquired whether the KFC Development Application had any traffic issues involved with it.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that he thought it was a regional traffic issue and would discuss the matter further with Councillor Davies.

The Acting General Manager advised that if there are any issues that come up as part of the DA that it can be referred to the Traffic Committee.

18. Councillor Davies advised that on the corner opposite the care sales on March and Bosworth Streets, Richmond, Mr Jarvie has put up signs on wooden pegs in front of the house.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that he would investigate the matter and advise of the outcomes in a memo to Councillors.

19. Councillor Sheather advised, in regard to the matter of a shed at Maraylya, that he had seen a document indicating that Council would approve a shed on another location and enquired as to why the neighbours were asked for their views if Council were already approving the shed. Councillor Sheather also enquired why the matter was coming back to Council when the current shed policy states 150 square metres and Council had received an amendment to that of 175 square metres and the shed being discussed was 220 square metres.

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The Director of Environment and Development advised that the matter had gone to the Court of Appeal where Council's case was successful and the consent for the use of the shed was declared invalid. He advised that the matter of the demolition of the existing shed would have to go back to the Land and Environment Court to be determined by the same judge whose decision has been overturned by the Court of Appeal on the use of the shed issue. In an attempt to avoid going back to the Land and Environment Court, negotiations were instigated between Council and the two parties to explore areas of resolution.

20. Councillor Sheather requested an update on the fence and re-vegetation program.

The Director of Environment and Development advised that the Revegetation Management Plan prepared by an independent consultant had been forwarded to Mr Zammit and Mr Hagar. He also advised that in regard to the fence that was erected between Mr Zammit's and Mrs Maddens properties, the applicant is suggesting that he has no objection to the fence being painted however is questioning who is going to pay for the painting.

21. Councillor Sheather enquired whether it be appropriate to discuss the SARS virus at the next meeting of the Emergency Management Committee.

The Director of Asset Services and Recreation advised that it may be placed on the agenda.

The meeting terminated at 12.35pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the meeting of the General Purpose Committee held on 3 June 2003.

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Mayor