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ITEM: 1 Governor Phillip Reserve**FILE NUMBER:** 79338/ENG/INA28NBX.E03

REPORT:

There are a number of groups that hire Governor Phillip Reserve for exclusive use events during the year. These groups often set up their equipment up to two days prior to each event and are finding that the current policy means that they have no control over their assets leading up to each event.

The current policy, resolved at the Ordinary Meeting on 8 October 1996, states *"As a matter of policy, that exclusive use of Governor Phillip Reserve not be granted on consecutive days, nor during public holiday periods"*.

The major issue outlined is that there is normally a lot of expensive equipment from computers to merchandising stock on site and whilst security are hired to protect this equipment it is still very vulnerable should the site remain open to the public. It is suggested that exclusive use be given to the organisers during the evenings leading up to the event (maximum of two nights) from 6pm till 7am the following morning. This would allow the gates to be closed/locked allowing the better protection of the site.

The other issue is that whilst the police are very helpful during the exclusive use events, during the setting up period, in the past the police, at times, did not want to get involved and often referred the organiser back to Council. With the organisers having exclusive use it would mean that they would be in a position to deal directly with the police should a situation arise. Advice obtained from the police has indicated that even though the park is public land, the police would act if there was a just cause.

The days leading up to each event would remain open for the public to access the park as on any other day.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the policy be altered to include the following:

1. Exclusive use for the evenings leading up to an event (maximum of two nights) may be granted to organisers from 6pm till 7am the following morning.
2. The police are informed of the exclusive use dates and times prior to an event by the organiser.
3. The policy be reviewed every two years.
4. No additional fee to be charged for the overnight exclusivity.

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5. All other general conditions of consent are still to be adhered to.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 2 Proposed Alterations of Boundaries of the Suburb of Kurrajong, North From Bells Line of Road**FILE NUMBER:** 107/ENG/INA28NBX.E04

REPORT:**Background**

In 1992 the Geographical Names Board (GNB) sought Council's co-operation in defining the boundaries of localities in the Hawkesbury City area.

In order to achieve effective progress the Board recommended at the time that the following steps be taken:

1. Preliminary plans be prepared showing proposed boundaries to enable discussions and submissions to have a basis for reference.
2. Council seek written public comment and submissions.
3. Details of all comments and submissions be reported to Council for its consideration.
4. Final recommendations of Council be referred to the GNB together with copies of submissions/considerations and a draft locality plan.

A draft locality plan was subsequently prepared and at its Ordinary meeting held on 9 June 1992, Council resolved that:

Plans defining proposed locality boundaries be adopted as a basis for public participation and that written submissions be invited for a period of four (4) weeks.

As a result of responses and subsequent discussions over time with Council Officers, the GNB formally advised that Council's suburb boundary determination proposed for the whole city was approved in principle to be advertised.

Advertisements and accompanying plans notifying the proposal were published in the Government Gazette and local papers during May 2000.

Plans were displayed at prominent locations and during the one month commentary period the Board received a petition for the suburb of Kurrajong to be extended along Comleroy Road and parts of adjoining streets.

In line with policy the GNB has now referred this matter back to Council for further consideration and comment prior to it making a final decision.

Report

The petition submitted to the Board was gathered from the wider community to reflect in its words “the view of the Kurrajong District in general”.

The area which is the subject of this report is shown on Plan No 2003048/A (displayed at meeting). Previously the GNB plan which was displayed in May 2000 showed parts of this area as Comleroy and Blaxlands Ridge.

In order to assess the extent of support, in a geographical context the petitioners names were converted to addresses where feasible. This process supported the validity of the petition and enabled assessment of the extent to which the name Kurrajong may apply, particularly into side roads such as Blaxlands Ridge Road.

The above procedure obviously lowered the number of objections due to multiple submissions from each address becoming only one.

The subject area north of Bells Line of Road comprises some 470 properties. With each property only counted once 236 petitions representing 50% of the total number of private holdings supported the name of Kurrajong.

It is felt both reasonable and probably conservative to consider that between 25% and 50% of the “non-voting” lots would prefer Kurrajong as their suburb name and if such assumption is valid then between 63% and 75% could favour Kurrajong.

A small number of petitioners (4) sought to name the area along Comleroy Road as **Comleroy**.

From discussions it appears that those who preferred Comleroy did so on the historical basis that the Comleroy was known as the way to the Hunter Region and there are a number of historical references to support this view. Whether Comleroy referred to the road or the locality, or both, is a matter of conjecture. Comleroy was introduced as a suburb name in the original plan for this reason.

The extension of the name of Kurrajong was probably engendered by the use of the Kurrajong postcode and delivery from Kurrajong, with the same postal address applying to Blaxlands Ridge and East Kurrajong. Other reasons given in individual objections commonly included that Kurrajong had a better social image, engendered higher property values, mail addressed to Blaxlands Ridge frequently went to Blaxland.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

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1. The suburb of Kurrajong be amended by addition of the area designated as Comleroy and part of Blaxlands Ridge as shown on Plan No 2003048/A.
2. The Geographical Names Board of NSW be advised of Council's decision for its consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 3 **Conservation Management Plans for Richmond Park, McQuade Park and Wilberforce Park - Advice of Funding from Heritage Office**

FILE NUMBER: 79338/ENG/INA28NCX.E01

REPORT:

Advice has recently been received from the NSW Heritage Office of successful grant applications for funding towards preparation of conservation management plans for the three Macquarie Town Parks.

Three grants of \$2,500.00 each for Richmond Park, McQuade Park and Wilberforce Park a total of \$7,500.00 will be paid to Council to undertake the plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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