



Hawkesbury City Council

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1. Election of Federal Leader - Australian Labor Party

Council would like to congratulate Mr Mark Latham who has recently been elected as Federal Leader of the Australian Labor Party.

Mr Latham represents the Western Sydney seat of Werriwa (once held by the Hon Gough Whitlam). Prior to his election to Canberra, Mr Latham was a Liverpool City Councillor and Mayor as well as President of WSROC.

Councillor Mark Greenhill, President of WSROC, recently said that he hoped that Mr Latham's election would lead to increased awareness on the national stage of the issues facing Australia's outer urban regions and, in particular, Western Sydney.

Recommendation

That Council send a letter congratulating Mr Mark Latham on his election as Federal Leader of the Australian Labor Party and as Leader of the Opposition.

2. University of Western Sydney - Request Support for The Walks Project and the Western Sydney Biopark

Correspondence has been received from the University of Western Sydney seeking in principle support for two sustainability initiatives in the Gomebeeree Environs at the Hawkesbury Campus. The University is considering making two expressions of interest to the Environmental Trust, Integrated Environmental Management Program focussing on the enhancement of the Richmond Water Re-use Scheme, through a Water Walks Project and the development of an adjacent Western Sydney Biopark for total funding in the vicinity of \$2.5-\$3 million. The projects aim to realise integrated educational, research, community development, conservation, ecotourism and employment benefits.

The Walks Project

The Walks Project would build carefully selected educational, recreational and experiential facilities in strategic locations across the site of the Richmond Water Re-use Scheme situated along a segment of the proposed Great River Walk. It would seek to bring about an understanding, realisation, and personal acceptance of behavioural change toward more sustainable water use and management. It is anticipated that the project would be built over several years. The Water Walks Project would also provide a strong focus for gaining community acceptance and trust in the appropriate use of recycled water - a key issue facing Sydney's sustainable future.

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Western Sydney Biopark

The Western Sydney Biopark would build on and complement the Water Walks Project. It would illustrate the practical application of recycled water to regenerate and stabilise local ecologies. A visitor to the Biopark would see precious, threatened Hawkesbury Swamp Woodland and River Flat Forests being regenerated and stabilised, providing once more the conditions for sustainable populations of threatened and previously extinct native animals.

The University is seeking a letter of support from Council in relation to the two projects and assistance in providing initial cost estimates for components such as vehicular access, car and bus parking, paths and walkways. The expressions of interest for the projects must be submitted by 19 December 2003.

Recommendation

I recommend that Council provide a letter of support to the University of Western Sydney in relation to the expressions of interest for the Water Walks Project and the Western Sydney Biopark and also assist with indicative estimates for the engineering components of the project.

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ITEM: 206 Three Town Sewerage Committee**FILE NUMBER:** 79351/FNC/ORL09LAX.G15

REPORT:

Council approval is sought for the fixed term appointment (six to twelve months) of a coordinator to assist the Committee in gaining support from the relevant agencies to achieve Council's objective in relation to the three town sewerage proposal.

Council, by way of Resolution on 14 October established the Three Town Sewerage Committee comprising of Councillors Paine, Rasmussen and Williams, members of staff and community representatives. Subsequent to advertising for expressions of interest from the public, Mrs Karen Conte, Mr Derek Major and Mr Bill Snedden were appointed as community representatives. The Committee met on Thursday, 4 December 2003 and elected Councillor Christine Paine as Chairperson of the Committee

Amongst the objectives set by the Committee for itself were:

- to achieve an irrevocable commitment for sewerage funding for Glossodia, Wilberforce, Freemans Reach and Agnes Bank in the 2004/2005 State Government Budget for works in 2007;
- to recommend to Council in February a constitution suitable for the Committee pursuant to the *Local Government Act* (1993);
- to expedite Committee business by facilitating Committee discussion and resolution by way of e-mail, facsimile and telephone;
- to seek Council approval as soon as possible for a fixed term appointment of six to twelve months for a coordinator with expertise and experience relevant to both environmental issues and interaction with Government and other agencies. The appointment, whilst fixed term, would be subject to contract with key deliverables required of the contracted employee set in the context of the Committee's objective to gain an irrevocable commitment for sewer funding for the three towns sewerage (and Agnes Banks) in the 2004/2005 State Budget.

The Committee is of the view, and Management concurs, that it is necessary to negotiate the corridors of State Government agencies and bureaucracies to gain support for Council's position as a cornerstone for Council's strategy in achieving its desired outcome. An important component in the fixed term contract for the successful appointee will be to assist Council to become familiar with relevant decision makers within State Government Departments with a view to not only achieving Council's objective, but also to develop the in-house lobbying ability of Hawkesbury's elected officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council note the progress to date of the Three Town Sewerage Committee, and the

appointment of the Chairperson and three community representatives: Mrs Conte, Mr Major and Mr Snedden.

2. Council approve the appointment of a coordinator, suitably qualified in Environmental issues and with experience in interacting with State and Federal agencies to achieve outcomes on a fixed term contract for a period of between six and twelve months, and request the GM to expedite recruitment of a suitable individual pursuant to section 335(2) of the *Local Government Act* (1993).
3. Council approve unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) for the appointment of the coordinator referred in (2), with funds being adjusted in the quarterly review.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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