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PITT TOWN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

This item was reported to the Special Meeting of Council which was held on 12 December 2002 and is now the subject of a Recision Motion.

This Minute is presented following detailed discussions with Councillor Calvert and other Councillors, to attempt to achieve an agreed outcome in this matter.

Council resolved that:

1. *Dr Vipond and the members of the Pitt Town Steering Committee be thanked for their participation and assistance in this process.*
2. *Connell Wagner be invited to finalise the draft Local Environmental Study based on the submissions received.*
3. *The LES give consideration to an option of generating a maximum of 700 (seven hundred) to 750 (seven hundred and fifty) lots in the parts of the investigation closest to the existing village, leaving the remaining land in its current zoning.*
4. *This draft Local Environmental study then be reported to Council.*

An amendment has been moved by Councillor Calvert and seconded by Councillor Davies, but was lost. The amendment varied from the motion only in the wording of part 3, which read:

3. *The LEP only give consideration to the low growth scenario and the no growth option.*

Discussions have since been held with Councillor Calvert who has indicated that he had intended to move in part 3 the words “*a low growth scenario*” rather than “*the low growth scenario*”. The Local Environmental Study had, as Councillors are aware, recommended three growth scenarios, with the Low Growth Scenario producing an additional 495 homes located across basically the entire investigation zone.

By way of background, in 1998 Council considered a report concerning the Urban Land Strategy and resolved to investigate five areas, one of which was Pitt Town, for their future urban potential. Council had also commissioned a Rural Land Study with the intent of retaining agriculture within the LGA and is now in the process of determining Draft Amendment 108 resulting from detailed community consultation and submissions.

Both the Pitt Town LES and Draft Amendment 108 have implications for the Pitt Town investigation zone.

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Following discussions subsequent to the Special Meeting of 12 December 2002, I believe that Council needs to give greater direction regarding the review of the LES in order to reach a final determination in this matter and end the divisions within the community. Since the 1980's the Pitt Town community has faced uncertainty about its future, firstly as the result of its inclusion within REP 9 which permitted sand extraction, and now as the result of the extent of possible urban development.

Council, in recognising the difficulties facing the town and its environs in terms of flooding, sewerage, water pressure and frequent interruptions to electricity supply, should, I believe, be strongly of the view that any potential rezoning for urban purposes should address these issues and wherever possible not just provide for no loss of amenity, but result in improvements for existing residents in this regard.

It is recommended that:

1. Council recognise the special historical, scenic and social significance of Pitt Town and its surrounding areas and wishes to protect its unique character in the face of ongoing pressure for residential development.
2. Dr Joan Vipond and the members of the Pitt Town Steering Committee be thanked for their participation and assistance in this process.
3. Connell Wagner be invited to finalise the draft Local Environment Study based on the submissions received with new urban housing to be confined to the area between the existing village and Johnston Street.
4. This draft Local Environmental Study be then reported to Council.
5. The remaining land within the Pitt Town LES investigation area be removed from Council's Urban Land Strategy for future potential urban rezoning.
6. Council investigate the feasibility of the extension of sewerage to the land bounded by Johnston, Hawkesbury, Hall and Bathurst Streets as well as other contiguous areas which are already residential in character.
7. Council prepare a Master Plan which conserves and protects the character and significance of Pitt Town whilst allowing the new development to occur. This master Plan should amongst other considerations recognise the scenic, economic and social value of the agricultural lands and riverine environment within Pitt Town and its environs and seeks to preserve and enhance these values. The Master Plan would be the basis of a Development Control Plan for the area of Pitt Town and its environs.
8. Council work with the community and existing landowners to achieve creative, best practice outcomes for the rural/agricultural areas of Pitt Town whilst seeking to provide improved public access to the river banks for such projects such as the Great River Walk.

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ITEM: 18 Delegation of Authority**FILE NUMBER:** 79351/GMA/ORB11LAX.G22

REPORT:

For the day to day operation of the Council it is necessary to have delegations to staff and, in particular, to the General Manager to enable the proper exercise and performance of powers and duties.

The General Manager has delegated his current powers, functions, duties and authorities to Mr Geoff Banting as Acting General Manager from tomorrow, 12 February 2003.

It is then necessary for the Council to delegate the same powers to Mr Banting from close of business Friday, 28 February, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Mr Banting be hereby confirmed, pursuant to Section 334 of the Act, to the position of Acting General Manager of the Council to have and to exercise such powers, authorities, duties and functions as the Council may authorise from time to time.
2. The Mayor be hereby directed to control and direct the employee in the exercise of his powers, authorities, duties and functions.
3. Subject to the Act to the direction and control of the Mayor and any resolution made from time to time by the Council in relation thereto the employee be hereby authorised to exercise the following powers, authorities, duties and functions; namely:
 - (a) The functions of the Council as specified in:
 - (i) The Local Government Act, 1993, and related Acts; and
 - (ii) other Acts under which Council has powers, authorities, duties and functions.
 - (b) To carry on the regular services and operations of the Council within the sums voted by the Council for expenditure thereon, and in accordance with the resolutions of the Council;
 - (c) To control and direct the staff of the Council generally and without limiting the generality of the foregoing as to the procedure to be followed in and about the exercise of any delegated authority conferred upon them by the Council either before or after the passage of this resolution;

- (d) Subject to consultation with the Mayor, to suspend any staff of the Council and appoint some person to carry on the work until the next meeting of the Council;
- (e) To authorise the payment of the salaries and wages of the staff of the Council within the sums voted by the Council for expenditure thereon;
- (f) To give effect to the provisions made by or under the Act and any other Act conferring powers or imposing duties on the Council, and to any resolution, minute, report, or policy which has been passed or adopted by the Council including such resolution limiting or otherwise effecting the delegations outlined herein.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 19 Governor Phillip Reserve, Windsor - Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival - Exclusive Use**FILE NUMBER:** /ENG/ORB11LBX.E21

REPORT:

Requesting:

1. Exclusive use of Governor Phillip Reserve on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 March 2003 for water activities, displays, food and beverage stalls;
2. With regard to Sunday 9 March 2003 to conduct six (6) events in excess of 95dBA; these events would be conducted from mid-morning to approximately 4.00pm, in 20-30 second bursts, at 1-1½ hour intervals.

The Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival is an annual event. This application does not comply with Council policy which precludes exclusive use being granted for consecutive days on a weekend, however, it is felt that an exception might be granted in this instance given the nature of the event.

The Festival Committee has requested waiving the exclusive use fee, however, as it is a private organisation retaining all profits from the event, it is felt that applications for waiver of fees/sponsorship should not be supported.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

- 1 Approval be granted for the application by the Hawkesbury Aquatic Festival Organising Committee for exclusive use of Governor Phillip Reserve on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 March 2003 subject to compliance with the following:
 - (a) the applicant submitting a copy of a Public Liability Policy for \$10,000,000 with Council's interests noted on that policy, one week prior to the event;
 - (b) the applicant undertaking a letter drop to all affected residents in proximity to the event, with that letter advising full details of the function;
 - (c) the applicant obtaining appropriate licence from the Licencing Branch of the NSW Police Service for the sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed function;
 - (d) preparation of food in any buildings, vehicle or stall 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;

- (e) the reserve is to be left clean and tidy with the applicant being responsible for collection and disposal of all waste;
 - (f) the applicant paying the following fees prior to 4 March 2003:
 - i \$204.20 - ten (10) additional Sulo Bins (including disposal of rubbish); and,
 - ii \$750.00 - refundable bond, less any cost incurred by Council, administrative or otherwise, to clean/restore the area;
 - (g) the applicant paying \$1,405.80 being the contribution rate for two (2) days exclusive use within thirty (30) days of the event.
- 2 With regard to Sunday 9 March 2003 that approval be granted to the applicant to conduct six (6) events in excess of 95dBA from mid-morning to approximately 4.00pm, in 20-30 second bursts, at 1-1½ hour intervals, and specific reference be made to these events in the letterdrop to residents referred to at 1(b) above; and,
- 3 Sponsorship/waivure of fees not be supported.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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