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MM - Oakville Rural Fire Brigade - (79351, 79353)

REPORT:

The 16th NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) State Championships were held on 11-12 September, 2004 at Queanbeyan, ACT. The Championships allow the various teams to display their emergency skills and compete against other crews around the State.

Twenty five (25) Teams including a RAAF Team competed in the events, with the Oakville Rural Fire Brigade from the Hawkesbury winning the senior and junior events beating Ingleside and Forbes in the Senior event and Llandilo and Lachlan in second and third place for the junior event.

A copy of NSW Rural Fire Service Newsflash dated Monday, 13 September, 2004 is attached for reference.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council note the success of the Oakville Rural Fire Brigade Service in both Senior and Junior events at the 16th NSW Rural Fire Service State Championships and offer its congratulations.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT - 1 Email from NSW Rural Fire Service Newsflash, dated Monday 13 September, 2004.
Subject Title: Volunteers display their skills at State Championships.

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Eleanor Simpson

From: NSW Rural Fire Service NewsFlash
Sent: Monday, 13 September 2004 14:09
To: Eleanor Simpson
Subject: Volunteers display their skills at State Championships

About 450 firefighters gathered last weekend for the 16th NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) State Championships at Queanbeyan to display their emergency skills and compete against crews from around the State.

Two crews from the ACT and an RAAF team joined 23 teams from NSW RFS. Major sponsors of the event were Gilbert & Roach Isuzu and GAAM Emergency Products.

After a parade at the showground, volunteers armed with tankers, chainsaws and radio communications, tested their skills and equipment in simulated emergency situations.

"The RFS State Championships brings together crews from around the state to enjoy friendly competition and hone their emergency skills," RFS Commissioner Phil Koperberg said.

"The event displays the training, dedication and professionalism of volunteer emergency services personnel. It's a great opportunity to work with crews from the ACT and other emergency services.

Fake structures were set ablaze and obstacle courses constructed. One event included a motor vehicle accident on Jerrabomberra Hill where a car containing a driver, passenger and baby ploughed into a fuel tanker causing it to leak jet fuel.

In another, crews had to put out a gas cylinder fire then safely vent a structure fire without use of breathing apparatus before rescuing a victim inside.

The RFS Commissioner opened the Championships on Saturday morning and Mayor of Queanbeyan welcomed firefighters. Assistant Commissioner Mark Crossweller and the Mayor presented victorious teams with awards on Sunday.

The winner of the Senior event was Oakville Rural Fire Brigade (Hawkesbury) followed in second place by Ingleside (Warringham Pittwater) and in third place Forbes.

The winner of the Junior event was Oakville, second place to Llandilo and third place to Lachlan.

The RAAF won the visiting team competition. The ACT crews also performed well in the emergency events with Rivers coming third in Communication fireground procedures and Gungahlin victorious in the novelty event (tug-of-war).

A list of teams competing and event winners is available on the RFS website. www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

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SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

ITEM 125: INF B - Regional Museum - Excavation Works - (107, 79338, 75323, 79514)

REPORT:

As recently advised to Councillors, items of European and Indigenous heritage have been located on the site of the proposed museum. An initial assessment has been undertaken and consultation has occurred with the NSW Heritage Office, National Parks & Wildlife Service and Indigenous Groups as required under the various pieces of legislation governing such works.

In terms of the European archaeology, actual and estimated costs to complete that portion of the excavation are:

Costs to date	\$20,000
Additional excavation - 3 archaeologists and equipment, 1 week	\$29,000
Clean, catalogue and record artefacts	\$9,000
Final report	\$15,000
Total	\$73,000

This estimate to complete the European archaeological works is obviously dependent upon what is found as the excavation proceeds. It is also necessary that the European archaeology is completed prior to investigations continuing in relation to indigenous heritage.

In relation to the indigenous archaeology the following estimates apply:

Three (3) archaeologists excavating for 15 days	\$31,200
Four (4) indigenous representatives for 15 days	\$33,000
Final report regarding works undertaken and findings	\$20,000
Total	\$84,200

At the meeting on site with representatives of the Heritage Office it was requested that a methodology be investigated in which at least some of the walls which have been located may be interpreted within the building. The cost to provide reinforced glass flooring to have these walls permanently on display would be impractical due to the location of some columns within the building and the need to have a climate controlled atmosphere would be cost prohibitive. One suggestion is being investigated currently to provide some sections of removable flooring under which exposed areas of the remaining walls could be viewed. This work would be additional to that currently specified and contracted with a preliminary estimate of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) plus redesigning some of the piers and concrete flooring at an estimated cost of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars).

Once the excavation work has been completed it will be necessary to re-compact the material that has been excavated from the site to bring it to the original under slab design level. It would

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appear that this could be in the vicinity of 500 (five hundred) cubic metres of material which will have to be carefully re-compacted in thin layers so as not to further damage the remaining structures. This work is estimated to cost \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars).

The estimated total cost to complete the archaeological investigations is \$197,200 (one hundred and ninety seven thousand, two hundred dollars).

The obvious question relating to these works is why they were not originally estimated as part of the project. Test excavations were undertaken prior to final estimates being completed and based on the results of the test excavation and assessment, a figure was included within both the library/regional gallery and regional museum estimates for expected archaeological works. On the museum site it was not expected that indigenous artefacts would be found, and while it could have been reasonably expected to locate the remains of the boundary wall between the museum site and the car park and the possibility of the remains of a privy in the south-east corner of the site, the extent of the relics uncovered was not expected.

Financial Implications

The current estimated cost of the cultural precinct is \$21,665,600 (twenty one million, six hundred and sixty five thousand and six hundred dollars) of which \$2,072,406.34 (two million and seventy two thousand, four hundred and six dollars and thirty four cents) will need to be raised from loan borrowings. The additional costs of \$197,200 (one hundred and ninety seven thousand, two hundred dollars) to allow the projects to be completed will need to be added to those loan borrowings.

The Heritage Office representatives did indicate that some funds may be available to assist with the project, however, the quantum of funds is not known but would probably be expected to be less than \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars).

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The additional archaeological cost to allow the project to continue be approved.
2. Options to provide additional funding for the project be further reported within 3 (three) months.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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