



Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary meeting minutes

date of meeting: 30 May 2006

location: council chambers

time: 5:00 p.m.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on Tuesday, 30 May 2006, commencing at 5.00pm.

Ruth Mahaffey of the Anglican Church, Wilberforce, representing the Hawkesbury Minister's Association, gave the opening prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor B Bassett, Mayor, Councillor D Finch, Deputy Mayor and Councillors T Books, B Calvert, K Conolly, T Devine, C Paine, B Porter, P Rasmussen, R Stubbs, N Wearne and L Williams

It is noted Councillor Calvert left the Meeting at 7.00pm.

SECTION 1: Confirmation of Minutes

151 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine and seconded by Councillor Wearne that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 2 May, 2006, be confirmed.

152 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Books that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 9 May, 2006, be confirmed.

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SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 102 **GM - Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils Ltd (WSROC) "10,000 Friends of Greater Sydney (79351, 74251)**

Mr Frank Scharfe, proponent, addressed the Council.

Councillor Rasmussen declared an interest in this matter as he is a member of the Warren Centre. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

153 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Porter

That Council not participate in a joint membership of \$5,500.00 for "10,000 Friends of Greater Sydney".

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CITY PLANNING

Item: 103 **CP - Proposed Amendments to the Hawkesbury DCP - (95498, 107)**

Previous Item: Item 3, Ordinary (31 January 2006)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Books.

Refer to RESOLUTION

154 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Books

That this matter be referred to a Councillor Workshop.

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EXTERNAL SERVICES

Item: 104 **ES - Review of Community and Cultural Grants Programme - (79342, 95494)**

Previous Item: 180, Ordinary (14 June 2005)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

155 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. The 'Review of Community and Cultural Grants and Donations Program Discussion Paper' be received.
2. The Discussion Paper be distributed to current recipients and those recipients who have been unsuccessful in the last three years and placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 40 days with submissions invited from the community regarding the issues raised in the Discussion Paper and the appropriateness of the 15 principles outlined in Section 7 of the Discussion Paper.
3. The Community Planning Advisory Committee be delegated responsibility for reviewing community submissions and feedback to develop and report to Council (by November 2006) a revised (draft) Community Grants Policy and Guidelines for Council's consideration.
4. Council seek comment from local Federal and State Members regarding potential funding options.
5. The matter be referred to a Councillor Workshop.

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Item: 105 **ES - Draft Hawkesbury Cultural Plan 2006 - 2011 - (95494, 79342)**

Previous Item: 49, Ordinary (14 March 2006)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

156 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. Council adopt the Hawkesbury Cultural Plan 2006-2011.
2. A copy of the Hawkesbury Cultural Plan 2006-2011 be forwarded to Arts NSW.
3. An Implementation Strategy to be developed to identify the human, material and financial resources required to put the Hawkesbury Cultural Plan into operation (within the parameters of Council's adopted financial estimates and staffing resources).

Item: 106 **ES - Terms of Reference - Development of Hawkesbury Mobility Access Plan - (95494, 98212, 79342)**

Previous Item: 136, Ordinary (10 May 2005), 306 Ordinary (11 October 2005)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wearne, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

157 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Wearne, seconded by Councillor Finch

That Council adopt the proposed terms of reference for the production of the Hawkesbury Access Mobility Plan.

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**Item: 107 IS - Whalan Road, East Kurrajong - Extension by Subdivision - Proposed Naming
- (95495, 79346)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

Refer to RESOLUTION

158 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs

That public comment be sought on naming of the extension of Whalan Road, East Kurrajong resulting from the subdivision of Lot 141, DP 751637, as Whalan Road.

Item: 108 IS - Roads to Recovery Program - (95495, 79344)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

159 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Porter

That the action taken be endorsed.

Item: 109 IS - Bligh Park Pedestrian Laneways - Public consultation - (95495, 79346)

Previous Item: 23, Ordinary (8 June 2004), 198, Ordinary (28 June 2005)

Ms Liza Brown, Mr Justin Weir and Mr David Wood, proponents, addressed the Council.
Mr Mark Graham and Mr Frank Scharfe, respondents, addressed the Council.

Councillor Devine declared an interest in this matter as he owns a property adjoining a laneway in Bligh Park. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

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MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

160 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. The closure of laneways numbered 4, 8, 10 (subject to an agreement to purchase by Housing Department), 22, 26, 43 ,47, 48, 49 and 50 be adopted in principle.
2. Negotiation with adjoining owners of the laneways identified in relation to support of the closures and possible purchase of those laneways be undertaken.
3. Footpaths be constructed as necessary to provide alternative pedestrian routes to replace laneways which are closed.
4. Safety improvement measures consistent with the recommendations of the Police Safety Audit, be developed for those laneways remaining open.
5. The matter be further reported to Council, including advice relating to the process which would be required in future to close those laneways which are Council reserves or crown reserves.

161 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the FORESHADOWED motion of Councillor Calvert, seconded by Councillor Paine.

That a report be submitted to provide information on the expenditure levels by Council towards youth and youth projects in Bligh Park with a view to finding ways to increase assistance to address youth issues in the area.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Item: 110 SS - 2006/2007 Remuneration for Councillors and Mayor - (95496, 96332)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

Refer to RESOLUTION

162 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs

That:

1. The fee for Councillors for 2006/2007 be set at \$13,980.00.
2. The additional fee for the Mayor be set at \$30,520.00, and the Deputy Mayor's additional fee be set at \$4,578.00 to be deducted from the Mayor's fee.

Item: 111 SS - Proposed Acquisition by Integral Energy for Electrical Substation - Bourke Street, Richmond - (95496, 79337)

Ms Anne Neal and Mr Stephen Steptoe, respondents, addressed the Council.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

163 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That:

1. Integral Energy be advised that in view of the comments provided by both the Richmond Golf Club and the Hawkesbury Sports Council, the unsuitable location of both proposed options at a significant entry point to Richmond and the significant impact either option would have on these community facilities, together with the potential availability of other more appropriate options, that Council does not support the current options suggested for the augmentation of the existing electrical substation in Bourke Street, Richmond, nor would it be prepared to concur with their acquisition by Integral Energy.

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2. Integral Energy be advised that due to the unsuitability of the suggested options that Council strongly considers that other options, including expanding the current site in consultation with the Girl Guides and Boy Scout Associations and the use of UWS land, should be pursued by Integral Energy and that Council is prepared to assist in facilitating these options, if requested.

Item: 112 SS - Proposed Acquisition by RTA for Road Widening - Lots 1 & 3, Section K, DP 759096 (Windsor Catholic Cemetery) - (95496, 96333, 33305)

Mr Frank Scharfe, respondent, addressed the Council.

Councillor Conolly declared an interest in this matter as he is employed by the Catholic Education Office. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

164 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter

That

1. Council acknowledge the compulsory acquisition of Part of Lots 1 & 3, Sec K, DP 759096, being approximately 615m² of Windsor Catholic Cemetery by the Roads and Traffic Authority in association with the construction of the Windsor Flood Evacuation Route.
2. Council concur to the compulsory acquisition of Part Lot 1 & 3, Sec K, DP 759096, being 615m² of Windsor Catholic Cemetery, subject to the following preconditions and the concurrence of the Crown and the Diocese of Parramatta:
 - a) The cemetery land may be compulsorily acquired by the RTA for the purposes of public road.
 - b) The property adjustment works (including the relocation of monuments) are to be in accordance with agreements between the parties (being the Crown, Council, Diocese of Parramatta and RTA) and as approved by the NSW Heritage Council.
 - c) Such works are to constitute the full compensation under the Act and that no monetary compensation is payable.
3. That all necessary documents, associated with this matter, be signed under the Seal of Council.
4. Council write to the RTA seeking to have a fence integrated into the overall design and arrangements for the cemetery, particularly in light of the land to be acquired by the RTA from the cemetery and the nearby Paine Park.

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Item: 113 SS - Goods and Services Tax Compliance - (96332)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

Refer to RESOLUTION

165 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Stubbs

That the Goods and Services Tax Certificate be endorsed in accordance with Department of Local Government Circular 05/26.

Item: 114 SS - March Quarterly Review - 2005-2006 Management Plan - (95496)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

166 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Finch

That the quarterly review of the 2005-2006 Management Plan and Financial Statement for the period ending 31 March 2006 be adopted.

Item: 115 SS - Monthly Investments Report - April 2006 - (95496, 96332)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

167 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Porter

That the information be received.

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

168 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

That:

1. The Council meeting be closed to deal with confidential matters and in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993, members of the Press and the public be excluded from the Council Chambers during consideration of the following items:

Item: 116 SS - Lease Agreement - Hawkesbury City Council and Craig Crowther (previously t/as CT Architects P/L), 139 March St, Richmond - (95495, 79337)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to an existing Lease Agreement and the information is regarded as being commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council, or reveal a trade secret and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 117 SS - Lease to Kingcott - Shop 9, Wilberforce Shopping Centre - "Wilberforce Hair & Nails" - (95496, 79337)

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Item: 118 SS - Request for Access to Information - Mr H Buckett - (95496)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(f) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to a request for access to information and the information relates to matters affecting the security of council, councillors, council staff or council property and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would be on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 119 SS - Request for Access to Information - Mr R Jarvie, Mrs P Jarvie, Mr L Haler and Mrs L Ness - (95496)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(f) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to a request for access to information and the information relates to matters affecting the security of council, councillors, council staff or council property and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would be on balance, contrary to the public interest.*

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Item: 120 SS - Tenders for the Hire of Plant - (79344)

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to the supply of tenders and it is considered that the release of the information would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to these matters be withheld from the Press and public.

The Mayor asked for representation from members of the public as to why Council should not go into closed Council to deal with these confidential matters.

There was no response, therefore, the Press and the public left the Council Chambers.

169 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Wearne that open meeting be resumed.

Item: 116 SS - Lease Agreement - Hawkesbury City Council and Craig Crowther (previously t/as CT Architects P/L), 139 March St, Richmond - (95496, 79337) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Devine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

170 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Devine

That:

1. Council agree to enter into a new lease with Mr Craig Crowther, trading as "Craig Crowther Architects P/L", in regard to 139 March Street, Richmond.
2. Authority be given for any documentation in association with this matter to be executed under the Seal of Council.

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3. Details of Council's resolution be conveyed to the proposed lessees together with the advice that Council is not and will not be bound by the terms of its resolution until such time as appropriate legal documentation to put such resolution into effect has been agreed to and executed by all parties.

Item: 117 SS - Lease to Kingcott - Shop 9, Wilberforce Shopping Centre - "Wilberforce Hair & Nails " - (95496, 79337) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Stubbs.

Refer to RESOLUTION

171 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Stubbs

That:

1. Council agree to enter into a lease with Ms Melissa Kingcott, in regard to Shop 9, Wilberforce Shopping Centre, in accordance with the proposal outlined in the report.
2. Authority be given for any documentation in association with this matter to be executed under the Seal of Council.
3. Details of Council's resolution be conveyed to the lessees and proposed lessees together with the advice that Council is not and will not be bound by the terms of its resolution until such time as appropriate legal documentation to put such resolution into effect has been agreed to and executed by all parties.
4. Council not execute the lease documentation until the current tenant, Ms King, has paid any rental outstanding.

Item: 118 SS - Request for Access to Information - Mr H Buckett - (95496) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Conolly.

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172 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Conolly

That:

1. Information concerning a restriction of access to documents requested by Mr H Buckett under the provision of Section 12(6) of the Local Government Act be noted.
2. Council having reviewed the abovementioned decision, as required by Section 12A(3) of the Act, determine that no action is necessary to alter such decision.

Item: 119 SS - Request for Access to information - Mr R Jarvie, Mrs P Jarvie, Mr L Haler and Mrs L Ness - (95496) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Devine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

173 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Devine

That:

1. Information concerning a restriction of access to documents requested by Mr R Jarvie, Mrs P Jarvie, Mr L Haler and Mrs L Ness under the provision of Section 12(6) of the Local Government Act be noted.
2. Council having reviewed the abovementioned decision, as required by Section 12A(3) of the Act, determine that no action is necessary to alter such decision.

Item: 120 IS - Tenders for the Hire of Plant - (79344) CONFIDENTIAL

Councillor Williams declared an interest in this matter as his brother works for one of the Tenderers. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Devine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

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174 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Devine

That the tender list for the selection of plant for the 2006 / 2007 financial year be adopted.

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SECTION 5 - Reports of Committees

ROC - Community Planning Advisory Committee Minutes - 16 March 2006 - (91368)

175 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

That the minutes of the Community Planning Advisory Committee held on 16 March 2006 as recorded on pages 63 to 67 of the Ordinary Business Paper be received.

ROC - Hawkesbury Bicycle and Access Mobility Committee Minutes - 1 May 2006 - (98212, 95494)

176 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Finch.

That the minutes of the Hawkesbury Bicycle and Access Mobility Committee held on 1 May 2006 as recorded on pages 68 to 70 of the Ordinary Business Paper be received.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

ROC - Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 17 May 2006 - (95495, 80245)

177 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Devine.

That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 17 May 2006 as recorded on pages 3 to 22 of the Supplementary Ordinary Business Paper be adopted.

ROC - Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 24 May 2006 - (95495, 80245)

178 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Devine.

That the minutes of the Local Traffic Committee held on 24 May 2006 as recorded on pages 23 to 27 of the Supplementary Ordinary Business Paper be adopted.

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1. Councillor Books advised he tabled a document today put forward by Penrith Council regarding the need for a Manager for the river. Councillor Books asked if Council would support the issues outlined in the document from Penrith Council.
2. Councillor Books asked if Council could do something about a footpath in Vineyard between Chapman Road and the school. Councillor Books asked if Council could encourage the RTA to incorporate a footpath in their Traffic Management Plan of that section.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the matter will be investigated and an estimate of cost prepared.

3. Councillor Books advised he had concerns regarding the school that is teaching young children about gay behaviour and recommended Council write to the State Government and oppose this issue.

The Mayor advised a Notice of Motion would be necessary if Councillor Books wished to address this issue.

4. Councillor Paine advised the School of Arts at Richmond has indicated that they are ready to receive monies from the proposed loan and asked where Council is up to on that matter.

The Director External Services advised Council has received the request and is preparing a response to the matter.

Councillor Paine asked if it would be an automatic process as the loan was approved some years ago.

The Director Support Services advised Council would need to review that decision to ensure funds were available and advised a report to Council would need to be submitted as the resolution was two years ago and Council would be required to reaffirm that decision.

5. Councillor Paine advised some buildings in Windsor Mall are covered in graffiti and asked if Council could assist the owners of buildings in any way to clean up the graffiti.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised Council's Development Compliance Officer has been in touch with the owner of one particular building located at the entrance to Windsor Mall and advised the building will be repainted. The Director Infrastructure Services advised he was not aware of the particular building Councillor Paine was referring to, however, advised owners could be approached in the first instance to discuss the issue.

6. Councillor Paine enquired as to what stage Council is up to regarding the removal of trees in Pitt Town.

The Director External Services advised Council has engaged solicitors and evidence is currently being gathered on the matter.

7. Councillor Paine advised she and Councillor Rasmussen recently attended a seminar Kerry Bartlett MP had arranged at Springwood and asked if Council could write to Mr Bartlett to thank him for running that seminar for the community which proved to be very beneficial.

The Mayor advised Councillor Paine this matter would require a Notice of Motion and the General Manager concurred with this advice.

8. Councillor Williams advised the Hawkesbury Rainforest Network in conjunction with Landcare of Western Sydney and Hawkesbury Harvest are organising a Community Land Use Forum and asked if it is possible Council could print circulars for the Forum and include Council's logo by way of sponsorship.

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The General Manager advised management is not aware of the proposal, however, if the request is sent to Council it may be considered, providing it falls within the guidelines of Council's Sponsorship Policy.

9. Councillor Williams referred to an amount of \$257,000 spent on vegetation mapping and asked if that money was raised by the environmental levy and if Council is obliged to spend the money only on vegetation mapping.

The Director Infrastructure Services responded to Councillor Williams in the affirmative.

10. Councillor Finch referred to an email from Mr Gale requesting financial assistance with a clean up at the Richmond School of Arts. Councillor Finch intimated neither Mr Gale nor herself had received a reply to the request.

The Director External Services advised a response was prepared to Councillor Finch's request by way of response to Question Without Notice, however, she was not aware Council was to write to Mr Gale. The Director External Services informed Councillor Finch of Council's Donations Policy and asked if the organisation is a registered charity, to which Councillor Finch replied in the negative.

Councillor Finch expressed her concern regarding residents writing to Council and not receiving a response, and the General Manager advised it was his understanding that Mr Gale did not in fact write to Council, rather, the request was raised by Councillor Finch in a Council Meeting as a Question Without Notice to which a reply was forwarded. The General Manager advised Council will contact Mr Gale.

11. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a State Cabinet Meeting at Penrith and asked if Council was able to attend, to which the Mayor responded in the negative.

The General Manager advised he was not aware of a request for administration to attend the Cabinet Meeting.

12. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a Cost Benefit Analysis regarding the RAAF Base and asked if Council will have an input to the Terms of Reference and if so, how will that process work.

The Director Commercial Strategy advised Council has received a draft copy and will provide an indicative response and that the matter is being handled by the Department of Defence in confidence.

Councillor Rasmussen asked if Council will have an input and the Director Commercial Strategy replied in the negative, due to deadlines the RAAF has imposed.

13. Councillor Rasmussen referred to the 2006 Metro Water Plan, Chapter 9, "Creating a Dynamic Competitive Water Industry" on public exhibition and asked if Council is proposing to make a submission on that matter.

The General Manager advised Council does not have a copy of that document, however, will endeavour to obtain a copy and investigate the matter.

14. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a Joint Operational Command Headquarters in Queanbeyan worth \$300M and asked if Council could confer with Defence Planners to discuss. Councillor Rasmussen advised private industry is funding the Operation on behalf of the Department of Defence which greatly benefits the taxpayer and asked if Council could do something similar for the benefit of the Hawkesbury ratepayers.

The General Manager advised the process of putting a Notice of Motion should apply regarding this type of proposal as a formal resolution is required.

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15. Councillor Rasmussen referred to the HRCC harvesting an enormous amount of weed from the river and advised it is to be commended for their efforts.
16. Councillor Devine suggested an agreement by Council be made acknowledging people who put paint on other people's properties, uninvited, should be referred to as graffiti vandals and not artists.
17. Councillor Porter referred to an incorrect letter to the editor regarding the announcement of the three towns sewerage plus Agnes Banks and Londonderry and asked if Council could send a statement to the Gazette to clarify the information.

The General Manager advised a response is to be prepared and he will investigate further.

The meeting terminated at 8.46pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 June 2006.

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