

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD 28 AUGUST, 2000, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET, CAMDEN –  
8.00PM**

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**Present:** Cr E Campbell (Chairperson/Mayor), Crs F Anderson, G Corrigan, S Winn, B Batros, S Fekete, N McFadden, S Senise

**Staff:** General Manager, Director Works & Services, Director Development & Environment, Acting Director Governance & Outcomes (Manager Administration), Manager Outcomes, Manager Community Services

**Apology:** An apology was received from Cr P White from this meeting, having previously been granted leave of absence (Minute No. DC076/00)

**PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

Mr John Gibbs addressed the Council in relation to Item 12;  
Mrs Engelbrecht addressed the Council in relation to Item 11;  
Mrs Julie McGilvray addressed the Council in relation to Item 12.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions in Public Question Time.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL  
MEETING – Held 24 July, 2000**

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Senise, seconded Cr Winn, that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 July, 2000, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

The July 1999/June 2000 performance review of the General Manager Ms Dudley was undertaken on Wednesday 9 August 2000 by the Deputy Mayor and the Mayor.

In accordance with the process laid down in the General Manager's contract the review involved going through item by item with the General Manager her performance against the criteria set down in her contract of employment (21/12/98) and performance agreement with Council.

The outcome of the performance review was reported to Councillors on Monday 14 August 2000. Issues raised by individual Councillors were also addressed.

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Councillors agreed that Ms Dudley continues to be outstanding in her overall performance and is significantly advancing Council's objectives by pursuing initiatives and progressing key deliverables. She utilises her skills and networks to focus on improving the levels of outcomes and service for the community and to enhance planning, management of urban growth and accessibility issues.

Ms Dudley's personal achievements, including Presidency of the IMM Metropolitan Branch, numerous public presentations and particularly her invitation to participate in the AusAID mission to South Africa, have brought considerable attention to, and reflected creditably upon, Camden Council.

Following the review conducted by external consultants Mercer Cullen Egan Dell, Council endorsed (24/1/00) the recommendation on Director's salaries contained within Mr McLelland's report. It is unanimously accepted that an appropriate salary level adjustment based on this review and report is also applicable to the General Manager's contract.

Council agrees the position of General Manager is being fulfilled in an outstanding manner by Ms Dudley and in recognition of this performance it is recommended that her total remuneration package be set at \$140,000.

Recommended:

- (i) Council endorse the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's performance review carried out on Wednesday 9 August 2000.
- (ii) Council congratulate Ms Dudley on her performance during the July 1999/June 2000 review period.
- (iii) Council agree to increase Ms Dudley's total remuneration package to \$140,000 effective from the first pay period following July 1, 2000.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Winn, that

- (i) Council endorse the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's performance review carried out on Wednesday 9 August 2000.
- (ii) Council congratulate Ms Dudley on her performance during the July 1999/June 2000 review period.

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- (iii) *Council agree to increase Ms Dudley's total remuneration package to \$140,000 effective from the first pay period following July 1, 2000.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

**APPROVAL ITEMS**

1. **Determination of Voting Delegates - 2000 Local Government Association Conference** (1198/11)(Director Governance and Outcomes)

At the Resources and Services Committee Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2000, Council nominated the Mayor of the Day together with Councillors Corrigan, Winn, Senise and Anderson to attend the 2000 L.G.A. Conference at Gosford with the determination of the actual voting delegates to be finalised at the next Council Meeting.

Accordingly, the election of voting delegates should now be made. Council is entitled to 3 voting delegates with any number of additional Councillors attending as Observers. The current Policy allows for any Councillor wishing to attend as a Delegate or Observer, to have his/her Conference fees and accommodation paid in full.

Recommended: That Council nominate 3 Delegates to attend the 2000 Local Government Association Conference.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Winn, that the nomination of the 3 Delegates to attend the 2000 Local Government Association Conference be deferred until after the Mayoral Election.

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2. **Camden Bowling Club – Amalgamation** (1500.220) (Director Governance and Outcomes)

Council considered a report on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2000 concerning the proposed amalgamation of the Bowling Club with Western Suburbs Leagues Club.

The report raised a number of issues to be negotiated with the Leagues Club, the Bowling Club and Council, including an assignment of the current lease to the Leagues Club and several Gaming and Licensing issues.

*Assignment of Lease*

Discussions have been held with the solicitors for the Leagues Club and a Deed has been prepared. The existing lease with the Bowling Club, makes provision for regular rent reviews. The first review is scheduled to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2002. It is agreed to allow the rent to be reviewed in accordance with this timetable, that is November 2002. At that time, Council will be in a better position to gauge the financial position of the Club following a 2 year trading period. However Council will require the Club to continue to provide quarterly Financial Statements in the interim period, so as to be able to monitor the progress of the Club. Appropriate rent adjustments can be negotiated at the time of the first review.

*Social Impact Assessment and Increase in Gaming Machines*

In the previous report to Council, it was indicated the Leagues Club would prepare a social impact assessment in support of the application to the Licensing Court. During discussions, Solicitors for the Leagues Club have advised, the Licensing Court has a discretion to dispense with the need of the assessment “if satisfied that an assessment is not necessary in the particular circumstances of the case having regard to the likely minimal social impact of the additional approved gaming devices concerned.”

The number of gaming devices held by the Leagues Club will, as a consequence of the grant of the application, increase by the number of machines currently held by the Bowling Club (20). Under the law, the Leagues Club, will not be entitled to keep more than 20 gaming machines at the Bowling Club’s premises during the period of the freeze. There will not be any increase in Gaming machines in Camden as a result of the amalgamation of the Clubs. Therefore, there will be no impact on the community and no need for the Social Impact Assessment.

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The Leagues Club intends to make application to the Court for dispensation from providing a social impact assessment. The application was listed for hearing on 14<sup>th</sup> August and was adjourned to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2000 to allow Council to consider its position relating to the social impact assessment.

The application is based on:

- The amalgamation was advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald and Macarthur Advertiser.
- Camden and Campbelltown Councils have no objection.
- Camden and Campbelltown Police have no objection.
- The application was approved in principal by members of the Bowling Club at a general meeting.
- Department of Health and Department of Community Services and have no objection.
- The members of the Leagues Club have unanimously approved of the amalgamation.

In the circumstances, as there are no objections to the application, it would appear there will be no, or only an extremely minimal, impact on the community by the granting of the application to dispense with the need for the social impact assessment.

The Leagues Club intends to improve the facilities on offer at the Bowling Club to make the premises more attractive to persons who attend the Club for purposes, other than gaming and this would be of a positive, rather than a negative nature. Given all the circumstances, there are no concerns in agreeing with the course of action outlined by the Leagues Club in not completing a social impact assessment.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council concur with the proposed action in not requiring a social impact assessment; and
- (ii) Western Suburbs Leagues Club be required to provide quarterly Financial Statements to Council under the terms of the lease.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn, that  
Council:

- (i) *Confirm the variation of the Lease to the Camden Bowling Club to permit the assignment and sub-letting of the premises to the Western Suburbs Leagues Club (Campbelltown) Limited.*

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- (ii) *Council concur with the proposed action in not requiring a social impact assessment; and*
  
- (iii) *Western Suburbs Leagues Club be required to provide quarterly Financial Statements to Council under the terms of the lease.*

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3. **Policy Review – Local Government Act, 1993** (2991) (Director Governance and Outcomes)

Council is required under the Local Government Act, 1993, to review all Policies within twelve months of a Council Election.

Over the past few months, staff have conducted an extensive review of Policies and have now submitted for adoption variations to the current Policy Manual document.

Councillors were supplied with a copy of the Policy Manual following the Election and are referred to that document in conjunction with this report.

Following the review, Policies have now been split into four lists. They are:

- Policies to be confirmed with no amendments;
- Policies to be deleted;
- Policies to be reviewed.
- Policies to be confirmed with minor amendments;

The review of each Policy has been conducted bearing in mind its relevance to current legislative requirements and the overall Council organisation structure.

Lists showing the status of Policies appear in **Tabled Document “BPA 1”**.

Indicative dates are shown to provide a guide as to the timeframe for Policies requiring major reviews.

Recommended: That Council

- (i) confirm the current Policies as listed;
- (ii) delete obsolete Policies as listed;
- (iii) confirm the timetable indicated for major review of the Policies as listed; and
- (iv) adopt those Policies with minor amendment as listed.

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**MOTION**

*Moved Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Winn, that Council:*

- (i) Confirm the current Policies as listed with the inclusion of Policy of 1.1.4;*
- (ii) Delete obsolete Policies as listed;*
- (iii) Confirm the Timetable indicated for major review of the Policies as listed; and*
- (iv) Adopt those Policies with minor amendments as listed.*
- (v) Investigate the current status of Policy 1.1.15.*

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

**FURTHER MOTION**

*Moved Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn, that Policy 1.1.8 relating to the Mayoral Vehicle be confirmed as a current policy.*

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THE FURTHER MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

*(Cr Batros voted against the Motion)*

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4. **Delegations Review** (File 2757)(General Manager)

The Local Government Act (section 380) requires that each Council must review all its delegations during the first twelve months of each term of office.

Council currently has three instruments of delegation (**Tabled Documents “BPA 2”**). These have been reviewed and some minor amendments are suggested.

**Delegation to: Mayor**

This delegation enables the Mayor to declare and revoke a bushfire danger period.

It is recommended that this delegation be confirmed.

**Delegation to: Committees of Council**

This delegation gives the Resources and Services Committee and the Development Committee the power to make decisions on the matters before them subject to certain restrictions.

It is recommended that these delegations be confirmed.

Delegation is also provided to the Civic Centre Committee however as this Committee was not reconstituted by the incoming Council following its election in September 1999, this delegation should lapse.

A delegation is also provided to the presiding person at meetings of Council to expel Councillors or members of the public for disorderly behaviour.

It is recommended that this delegation be confirmed.

**Delegation to: General Manager**

This delegation enables the General Manager to exercise and perform a range of powers, authorities, duties and functions under a variety of Acts.

It is recommended that the delegations be confirmed subject to the following amendments:

- References to various Acts be amended as required to adjust changes to section numbers and other editorial matters.

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- The list of Acts under the heading Miscellaneous Acts – Enforcement be expanded to include the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and the Companion Animals Act and that the Dog Act (which has been repealed) be deleted.
- The Plant Replacement Delegation be deleted. This delegation requires that all purchases of plant through the government contract over \$20,000 must be approved by Council.

This is considerably more restrictive than the Local Government Act which requires that tenders be called for all purchases of goods or services over \$100,000 and these must be referred to Council for decision. For expenditure under this amount three quotes must be obtained and government contract price is considered.

It is not clear why Council has treated plant replacement purchases as a separate category. Accordingly it is recommended that plant purchases become subject to the same processes as all other expenditure on goods and services and that accordingly this delegation be deleted.

**Review of other delegations**

Under section 378 the Act, “the general manager may delegate any of the functions of the general manager, other than the power of delegation”.

The General Manager has undertaken a review of all delegations given by the General Manager to the staff of Council. This has resulted in a number of amendments to reflect:

- Changes to legislation
- Changes to Council position requirements and job descriptions
- Removal of gaps, overlaps, duplications and anomalies that have crept in since the last review
- A conscious philosophy of pushing authority and responsibility to the lowest level in the organisation where a decision could reasonably be taken.

Following this review, new delegations have been issued to all Council staff who have any delegated authority.

Recommended: That:

- (i) Council confirm its delegation to the Mayor regarding the declaration and revocation of bush fire danger periods.

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- (ii) Council confirm its delegations to Standing Committees and the presiding person at Council meetings and notes that the delegation in respect of the Civic Centre Committee will lapse.
- (iii) Council confirm its delegations to the General Manager subject to:
  - (a) editorial amendments to reflect alterations to legislation
  - (b) the addition of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and the Companion Animals Act in the section on Miscellaneous Acts – enforcement and the deletion of the Dog Act in the same section.
  - (c) revocation of the Plant Replacement delegation.
- (iv) Council note that all delegations made by the General Manager to staff have been reviewed, amended as required and new delegations issued.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Winn, that:*

- (i) Council confirm its delegation to the Mayor regarding the declaration and revocation of bush fire danger periods.*
- (ii) Council confirm its delegations to Standing Committees and the presiding person at Council meetings and notes that the delegation in respect of the Civic Centre Committee will lapse.*
- (iii) Council confirm its delegations to the General Manager subject to:*
  - (a) editorial amendments to reflect alterations to legislation*
  - (b) the addition of the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and the Companion Animals Act in the section on Miscellaneous Acts – enforcement and the deletion of the Dog Act in the same section.*
  - (c) revocation of the Plant Replacement delegation.*
- (iv) Council note that all delegations made by the General Manager to staff have been reviewed, amended as required and new delegations issued.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

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5. **Draft LEP 120 Lot 3 DP 882365 Macquarie Grove Road, Kirkham** (PF5125.290/2) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the recent exhibition of the subject draft plan and to proceed with the rezoning process.

**Background**

The land has an area of 22.7ha. The current zoning of the land permits the erection of 55 dwelling houses, with the curtilage of each dwelling not exceeding 1000m<sup>2</sup> and title by way of the Strata Titles Act or Community Titles Act. Each dwelling is to be connected to a reticulated sewerage service.

The owner was concerned with the limitation on the ability to create significant and varied dwellings and to provide adequate utility in respect of private open space.

An increase in the maximum curtilage to 2000m<sup>2</sup> with an average of 1,500m<sup>2</sup> and a minimum of 1,000m<sup>2</sup> was sought. It should be noted that the dwelling yield will remain at 55.

Council, at its meeting held on 23 August, 1999 resolved to prepare a draft Local Environmental Plan to permit the variation in curtilage.

**Exhibition**

The Draft Local Environmental Plan which forms **Tabled Document "BPA 3"**, was placed on public exhibition for a 28 day period from 7 July to 4 August 2000. Two submissions were received, both supporting the rezoning.

**Conclusion**

It is recommended that Council proceed with the making of the Local Environmental Plan.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council forward Draft Local Environmental Plan No. 120 to the Minister accompanied by a request that the plan be made.

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- (ii) The owners of Lot 3 DP 882365 Macquarie Grove Road, Kirkham be advised of Council's decision.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr McFadden, that*

- (i) *Council forward Draft Local Environmental Plan No. 120 to the Minister accompanied by a request that the plan be made.*
- (ii) *The owners of Lot 3 DP 882365 Macquarie Grove Road, Kirkham be advised of Council's decision.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

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6. **Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool – Renewal of Lease** (File 544) (Director Governance and Outcomes)

**Object of Report**

To appoint a new lessee to the Camden War Memorial Swimming Pool for the period 2000/2001 to 2002/2003.

**Background**

In March 2000 the swimming pool's previous lessees Mr Ian and Mrs Kathy Moore, advised of their intention not to proceed with the third year option of the lease agreement.

As required by Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1993, adjacent landowners, interested parties and the wider community were notified of Council's intention to lease the swimming pool complex by letter and public notice in the local media. No submissions or objections were received in respect of the lease.

Expressions of interest for the management of the Camden Pool for a 3 year period with a further 3 year option were subsequently called following completion of the mandatory exhibition with the submission period closing on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2000.

**Expressions of Interest Received**

Fourteen information packages were distributed. Two expressions of interest were ultimately received by the closing date. The operation of the soon to be opened, Mt Annan Leisure Centre may have contributed to the low response to the expressions of interest.

*Comment*

Written submissions were received from Breakpoint Leisure Management and JA Nicholas Pty Ltd.

The two parties were interviewed by staff and assessed on the following criteria:

**Company Viability**

Break Point Leisure Management is a relatively new company and consists of two directors, having eleven years of managerial/supervisory experience in the leisure industry and operating similar centres in the past. Examples of past experience for the Directors include Bexley Swimming Centre, Lake Talbot

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Aquatic Centre, Roselands Aquatic Centre (Canterbury Council), Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (Leichhardt Council) and Enmore Aquatic Centre (Marrickville Council). One Director also has experience in security work at various Clubs and entertainment events.

J. A. Nicholas and Associates Pty. Ltd is a multi discipline company, specialising in the recreation industry and was formed in 1994. The company has recently, been appointed to manage Council's Mount Annan Aquatic Centre. The company has been appointed to manage numerous Aquatic Facilities throughout Australia in recent years. Many of these were interstate as well as in New South Wales.

Both companies are acknowledged as being financially capable of upholding the lease agreement.

**Financial Return**

Breakpoint Leisure Management put forward a detailed Budget in the submission. The projected Budget provided for a net return of \$37,000 in the first year. In addition, Breakpoint offered a 40% return share on gate takings after \$3,000 in the first year with a sliding scale for future years.

J.A. Nicholas did not put forward detailed Budget in their submission, but at interview offered to continue with the arrangement as existed with the previous lessees, that is any income received above \$56,000 will be shared 50% with Council. However, the amount of return to Council under this arrangement is highly variable.

Breakpoint Leisure Management offer a more attractive return to Council.

**Marketing and Promotion**

Breakpoint Leisure Management offered a marketing and promotion package in their submission. The Business Plan offered covered such items as Services to be provided, a set of objectives and Personnel requirements for the 3 year period. At interview, representatives of Breakpoint gave examples of possible functions to be held at the Centre to promote and encourage patronage by young people, serious swimmers, schools and families. Promotional material will be distributed to Schools, Creches and Clubs to attract an increase in patronage. A programme of improvements to the grounds is also contemplated covering items such as tree and scrub plantings to provide more wind breaks, more shade areas and use of larger umbrellas.

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J. A. Nicholas Pty Ltd did not provide a written marketing plan in their submission. At interview, representatives indicated marketing campaigns would be run in conjunction with the Mount Annan Centre promotions. The J. A. Nicholas Pty Ltd submission in essence proposes the Camden Swimming Centre to be operated as an adjunct to the Mount Annan Aquatic.

It was deemed that Breakpoint Leisure Management best satisfied the overall aims of Council to promote and develop the use of the Camden Memorial Swimming Pool. In addition, their submission is more consistent with Council's long term objectives and overall management aims and as such is considered to be the preferred lessee.

Any preferred Lessees are required to comply with recent Child Protection legislation and any recommendation of Council would be subject to a favourable report being furnished by the relevant State Government Department.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council proceed with the appointment of Breakpoint Leisure Management for the lease of the Camden Swimming Centre for a 3 year period with a further 3 year option, in the terms outlined in the Expression of Interest document subject to child protection obligations being satisfied;
- (ii) The Council Seal be affixed to any documentation in conjunction with this matter.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn, that:

- (i) *Council proceed with the appointment of Breakpoint Leisure Management for the lease of the Camden Swimming Centre for a 3 year period with a further 3 year option, in the terms outlined in the Expression of Interest document, subject to child protection obligations being satisfied;*
- (ii) *The Council Seal be affixed to any documentation in conjunction with this matter.*

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7. **Revotes List Carried Forward to 2000/2001** (1779/1) (Director Governance & Outcomes )

The income and expenditure statements for 1999/2000 have been finalised. A separate report will be submitted to Council in September, 2000 which identifies a surplus in Council's Working Funds position for the period.

The results to date have been compared to the Budget estimates and a list of unexpended items required to be revoted to 2000/2001 Budget has been determined.

**Tabled Document "BPA 4"** represents the list of revotes requiring confirmation by Council. Although the list is extensive a large number of items have already incurred expenditure or are already committed for expenditure in 2000/2001. These items have been identified in the Tabled Document. Some of the items shown represent income offsets relative to specific expenditures and the amounts are shown in brackets.

Whilst the total revoted expenditure equals \$7,798,143, a number of the items are offset by specific purpose grant allocations, Section 94 contributions and other income sources to the value of \$4,761,026. Thus leaving a net draw on unexpended working funds allocated in the 1999/2000 Budget of \$3,037,117.

Recommended: That the items as listed on the **Tabled Document "BPA4"** totalling \$7,798,143 be revoted for expenditure in 2000/2001 together with the income offsets of \$4,761,026.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr Corrigan, that the items as listed on the Tabled Document **"BPA4"** totalling \$7,798,143 be revoted for expenditure in 2000/2001 together with the income offsets of \$4,761,026.

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8. **Request for Cowpasture Reserve Fee Relief – St John’s Anglican Church** (PF350.20) [Director, Works and Services]

The St John’s Anglican Church have requested Council consider waiving the fee for the use of Cowpasture Reserve for a “More Than Gold Softball Clinic” to be held from the 14 until 16 September, 2000; the clinic will run between 9:00am and 12:30pm on each of the above days.

The clinic is a community event to be run by the church in conjunction with the Olympics and the More Than Gold Program. Macarthur District Softball Association are willing to support the event through the loaning of equipment and use of the support facilities.

The casual hiring of Cowpasture Reserve by a non-profit organisation such as the St John’s Anglican Church for the above mentioned three day period would equate to a total of \$181.50.

Recommended: That Council waive the fee for the use of Cowpasture Reserve by St John’s Anglican Church for their proposed “More Than Gold Softball Clinic” to be run over the period of 14 to 16 September, 2000.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Batros, that Council waive the fee for the use of Cowpasture Reserve by St John’s Anglican Church for their proposed “More Than Gold Softball Clinic” to be run over the period of 14 to 16 September, 2000.*

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9. **Petition – Request to use the Reserve at the rear of Hayter Parade for motor bike riding.** (File 20501260) [Director Works and Services]

Council has received a letter and petition (circulated to Councillors under separate cover) containing signatures from 22 residences (32 signatories) from the area surrounding the reserve at the rear of Hayter Parade, seeking permission to use the reserve to ride motor bikes.

The letter is written by a 13 year old boy on behalf of himself and three friends who own motor bikes ranging in size from 50cc up to 80cc. He states that every home occupier in the area backing onto the reserve has been canvassed and signatures gained.

Issues to be considered include;

- Unlicensed and under age riding is illegal with consequent liability issues for Council. Similar concerns revolve around condoning unlicensed motor cycle riding on Council reserves.
- By way of resolution Council has erected signs within the majority of its reserves which prohibit, amongst other things, the driving of motor vehicles; such a sign is erected at this reserve.
- It is illegal to ride or drive an unregistered motor vehicle in a public place.
- Only a small number of properties (6 out of 20) which directly back onto the reserve have signed the petition,
- Noise generated from motor cycles will affect properties further afield than just those properties which back onto Hayter Reserve.
- Advocating the use motor cycles on the Reserve may attract further usage from other riders.
- Permitting motor cycles on this reserve may set an undesirable precedent for similar requests on other Council owned reserves.
- The use of motor cycles may cause damage to the reserve.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council note receipt of the petition.
- (ii) The signatory be advised that Council does not permit the use of the reserve at the rear of Hayter Parade for the purpose of riding motor bikes and therefore cannot agree to the request.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn, that:*

- (i) Council note receipt of the petition.*
- (ii) The signatory be advised that Council does not permit the use of the reserve at the rear of Hayter Parade for the purpose of riding motor bikes and therefore cannot agree to the request.*

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10. **Argyle Street Jacaranda Trees** (File 1947) [Director, Works & Services]

**Objective of report**

To consider the condition of the mainstreet Jacaranda trees in Argyle Street, Camden and adopt measures to improve their health, condition and longevity.

**Background**

In March 2000, Council commissioned a report to determine the cause of the deteriorating health and condition of the mainstreet Jacaranda plantings and to coincidentally identify measures which could be adopted to improve their appearance and longevity (copy circulated to Councillors under separate cover).

**Comment**

The trees are considered vital to the character of the main street and worthy of retention.

Investigations concluded the Jacaranda trees present condition to be largely attributed to:

- low soil nutrition,
- confined soil space,
- inadequate irrigation,
- competition from grass and shrubs,
- hostile above ground environment (pollution, reflected heat etc),
- insect pests above and below ground.

To limit the effects of these stresses it is proposed Council implement staged remedial works including:

- tree pruning and removal
- removal of shrubs within the 'dripline' of each Jacaranda,
- relieve soil compaction,
- install drip irrigation cells to each tree,
- fertilise each tree,
- treat insect infestations,

It is considered the immediate priority is to halt further deterioration of the health of these trees.

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**Financial Impact**

An allocation of \$12,000 was made in the preparation of the 2000/2001 Budget for the implementation of recommendations arising from this report.

Costs have been reconfirmed as being in the order of \$14,709.

It will be necessary to supplement and fund this minor shortfall. It is proposed the shortfall be funded from savings from the current 2000/2001 Budget.

**Proposal to Illuminate the Argyle Street Trees**

Camden Chamber of Commerce had proposed the illumination of the Argyle Street Jacaranda trees through the introduction of “fairy lights” to each tree, in conjunction with broader plans to further illuminate 12 trees (Brush Box and Golden Elm) in John Street as part of the “Light Up Camden” project. Under a Notice of Motion at its meeting of 24 July 2000, Council voted to “assist in the financing of the tree lighting in Argyle Street, Camden, to the amount of \$20,000”.

An attempt by the Chamber to install lights within the Jacaranda opposite the Crown Hotel failed because several of the boughs of this tree broke off. Subsequently an attempt was made to light up the tree in John Street outside the Commonwealth Bank.

The Chamber of Commerce subsequently met and determined that they will proceed to light the John Street trees at this time, in lieu of pursuing the light up of the Jacarandas in Argyle Street because of their present condition. It is hoped that fertilisation and drip feeding these trees will rejuvenate them over the coming twelve months, to such a condition that light up of these trees will be pursued for the 2001 Christmas period. Conduits will be laid to assist this light up project when the irrigation conduit is placed later this year.

In respect of the twelve trees in John Street, Council will independently “light up” the tree outside the National Bank, as resolved, as the Community Christmas tree.

The supplementary “light up” of the eleven remaining trees will be pursued by the Chamber of Commerce via tender. The Chamber estimates the cost to light the trees in John Street at \$39,850.

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**Conclusion**

It is essential that the illumination of the Argyle Street Jacarandas must be carried out sympathetically to the overall objective of halting any further deterioration in the health of these median trees. Strong and healthy median trees are pivotal to the appearance of Camden's main street.

Any works on both projects can be co-ordinated to occur concurrently, to both save money and reduce any shock to the root system of the trees; but the overall health and vigour of those trees must be paramount.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council implement the schedule of works identified in this report;
- (ii) The shortfall in funding (\$2,709) for the project be sourced from savings in the 2000/2001 budget;
- (iii) Any works to illuminate the Argyle Street Jacarandas be executed sympathetic to developing the health of these trees.
- (iv) Council's contribution towards the illumination of the median trees in Argyle Street be reallocated to illuminate the John Street trees; a project to be undertaken by the Camden Chamber of Commerce.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Fekete, that:

- (i) Council implement the schedule of works identified in this report;
- (ii) The shortfall in funding (\$2,709) for the project be sourced from savings in the 2000/2001 budget;
- (iii) Any works to illuminate the Argyle Street Jacarandas be executed sympathetic to developing the health of these trees.
- (iv) Council's contribution towards the illumination of the median trees in Argyle Street be reallocated to illuminate the John Street trees; a project to be undertaken by the Camden Chamber of Commerce.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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11. **Flood Affected Property at Lot 35 Milford Road, Ellis Lane** (File 3169 and 5500.260) (Director Works & Services)

**Purpose of the Report**

The owners of Lot 35 Milford Road, Ellis Lane have requested, in writing, that the prospects of their vacant flood affected property be discussed at Council.

Their desired outcome from their submission, being that they are given direction of Council's view to the potential of the property and the possibility of Council purchasing the property.

**Background**

The owners of Lot 35 Milford Road have previously lodged a development application for a dwelling on the property. As the site is severely affected by the impacts of flooding in the 1% AEP (1 in 100 year) event, the application was reported to Council by staff recommending refusal. The application was subsequently refused. The applicant then appealed to the Land and Environment Court which resulted in the Court supporting Council's refusal of the Development Application.

In Correspondence, dated 16 July 2000, the owners Mr and Mrs Englebrecht have noted their dilemma regarding the future of their property at Milford Road.

Various members of Council staff have discussed these matters at length with the Englebrechts.

Council staff prepared a response to this letter on 10 August 2000 (see **Tabled Document "BPA5"**); subsequent correspondence from Mr and Mrs Englebrecht dated 15 August 2000, forms **Tabled Document "BPA6"**.

As noted within Council's response, Council's consultants, SMEC Australia, are currently finalising the draft Upper Nepean Floodplain Management Study and Plan (FMS&P). On receipt of the draft FMS&P, subject to it being to Council staff's satisfaction, the document will be reported to Council recommending that it be placed on public exhibition for comment. The anticipated finalisation of the document, on this time frame, is December 2000.

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**Flood Affectation of the Site**

Lot 35 Milford Rd is subject to high hazard flood affectation. It would be inundated with floodwater to a depth in excess of 3.6 metres in a 1% AEP (1 in 100 year) flood, and in excess of 1.5 metres in a 5% AEP (1 in 20 year) flood. Using a merits based assessment, this property cannot satisfy the NSW Government Floodplain Manual's criteria for critical issues such as flood access and evacuation; as noted in the previously refused development application.

The draft FMS&P is being undertaken in accordance with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy and the principles and guidelines established in the NSW Government Floodplain Manual. Considering the severity of the impacts of a 1% AEP event on the property in question, it is improbable that the FMS&P will result in any planning controls that will permit a residential development on this lot.

**Voluntary Purchase**

One of the floodplain management measures that will be investigated and discussed in the draft FMS&P is the voluntary purchase of properties in certain high hazard areas of the floodplain.

Voluntary purchase is usually intended for developed properties, normally residences, where it is impractical or uneconomic to mitigate the flood hazard to the property at risk. Voluntary purchase results in the ceasing of occupation of such properties in order to free both the residents and potential rescuers from the danger and cost of future floods.

In the preparation of the draft FMS&P Council's consultants have identified 43 residences in Camden that are severely affected by the 1% AEP flood that could be considered for potential voluntary purchase should Council ever consider a voluntary purchase program in the future. The consultants have also identified an additional 120 residences affected by the 1% AEP flood that could be considered for potential house raising or flood proofing as part of the same investigation.

Obviously, given the number of properties affected by the 1% AEP flood in Camden, the costs involved in implementing such a strategy would be immense. The funding of such a strategy would be a huge impost to Council and require government assistance. Such government funding assistance may not eventuate. Also, it

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would be required to implement such a scheme over a very long time frame and on a priority basis.

The intent of such a voluntary purchase and house raising strategy is to free both the residents and potential rescuers from the danger and cost of future floods. As such the purchase of unimproved or vacant sites under this criterion, has an extremely low priority. The funding of the purchase of any vacant properties in the future is unlikely to be considered a high priority by Government, either Federal or State.

**Conclusion**

The draft FMS&P is being prepared in accordance with the NSW Flood Prone Land Policy. When the FMS&P is adopted it will identify options and strategies for all areas of the floodplain.

Given the determination of the Land and Environment Court in relation to the development of this property, Council does not believe that any future application for residential development of the site would be approved.

In regard to possible voluntary purchase of the property, Council is currently unable to pre-empt the outcomes of the FMS&P and strategies that may be pursued by Council. At this time Council does not have access to funding to support strategies such as voluntary purchase. In any case, the purchase of Lot 35 Milford Road would not be expected to be a priority if such a scheme did eventuate.

Lot 35 Milford Road is presently zoned 1(c) Rural. Mr and Mrs Englebrecht's request to consider a building application for a building to be used for a counselling service is unacceptable. Professional consulting rooms do not meet the objectives of this zoning and therefore would not be approved.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council endorse the correspondence forwarded to Mr & Mrs Englebrecht on 10 August 2000; and
- (ii) Mr & Mrs Englebrecht are advised on the unlikelihood of Council purchasing Lot 35 Milford Road in the foreseeable future.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn, that*

- (i) Council endorse the correspondence forwarded to Mr & Mrs Englebrecht on 10 August 2000; and*
- (ii) Mr & Mrs Englebrecht are advised on the unlikelihood of Council purchasing Lot 35 Milford Road in the foreseeable future.*
- (iii) Council consider rate relief for the owners of Lot 35 Milford Road and an urgent report be submitted to the next Council meeting.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

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12. **Proposed Manna Gum Road Footpath** (File 3873/1) [Director, Works & Services]

**Background**

The 2000/2001 Construction Program includes an allocation of \$10,400 for the construction of a footpath in Manna Gum Road, Narellan Vale.

This project was initiated through a number of requests dating from February 1997 from a resident in this area of Manna Gum Road noting the safety issues on this short length of Manna Gum Road and asking for a footpath past the abutting fourteen properties for safety reasons. Manna Gum Road is curvilinear in design and doubles back on itself in the vicinity of the proposed path. The requests were based on the need for children, and their parents to access the nearby schools (Narellan Vale Primary School, Elizabeth Macarthur High School and St. Clare's Catholic School). People walking in this area (in particular parents with prams and students) are forced to use the road pavement which is viewed as unsafe in this area even though the traffic levels are low. The speed of vehicles on this curvilinear are often viewed as excessive, given the low sight distance available around the bends.

The proposed works would assist in establishing a continuous footpath network in this location by way of linking two sections of existing footpath, whilst at the same time providing a safe off road pedestrian accessway along this section of Manna Gum Road. A sketch indicating the extent and location of the proposed footpath forms part of **Tabled Document "BPA 7"**.

**Action to Date**

The most appropriate location to site the path (shown on the plan) continues the existing footpath on the northern side of Manna Gum Road (in this vicinity) to meet the existing cycle track on the drainage easement of Manna Gum Reserve. Council has consulted those property owners (7) which are directly affected by the proposed footpath and sought their comments on the extension of the footpath. (The properties along Manna Gum Road directly affected by the proposal comprise No.12 through to No.24 inclusive).

**Community Consultation**

Council has received a number of favourable responses supporting the construction of the footpath, as well as a petition from 29 property owners (57 signatories) opposed to the footpath. The

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owners of one of the properties originally opposed to the footpath have since withdrawn their names from the petition and are now in support of the footpath construction. As can be seen community interest is high considering responses were received from a number of property owners other than those directly affected. (A copy of the responses and the petition will be circulated to Councillors under separate cover).

Comments in support of the construction of the footpath include:

- Concern for pedestrian safety, particularly pedestrians with prams and young children,
- Parents with prams are often forced to walk on the road along this section of Manna Gum Road,
- Footpath area used daily by many school children to access the schools,
- Children having to walk along this narrow section of bending road,
- Footpath area used by pedestrians of all ages to access shops,
- Proposal will complete footpath network in this location,
- Increased vehicular movements along this section of road, and
- Safety of pedestrians and the general benefit to the wider community should be considered more important than people's lawns.

Comments in opposition to the construction of the footpath include:

- This section of Manna Gum Road attracts very little pedestrian traffic,
- Vehicular movements in this section of Manna Gum Road are very light,
- Residents of the area use the existing network of walkways,
- Residents of Manna Gum Road only have to walk a short distance to reach nearby walkways,
- Proposed footpaths were not shown on development plans for this subdivision, and
- The footpath proposal would adversely impact on the appearance of their properties, gardens and nature strip.

**Pedestrian/Traffic Data**

Data was collected to gauge the pedestrian and cyclist usage together with the number of vehicles travelling along this section of Manna Gum Road during peak periods. Data collected on two separate days revealed:

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Time	Friday 11/8/00			Tuesday 15/8/00		
	Pedestrians	Cyclists	Vehicles	Pedestrians	Cyclists	Vehicles
8:15– 9:30am	12	4	57	8	1	53
2:15– 4:00pm	23	3	65	28	1	62

The majority of the pedestrians and cyclists were children and although the vehicular volumes are low the number of pedestrians and cyclists utilising this section of Manna Gum Road is considered sufficient to warrant the construction of the footpath given regard to safety issues.

### **Comments**

The majority of the property owners (19 of the 29 signatories) opposed to the construction of the footpath, although located on Manna Gum Road are not directly affected by the proposed path's construction; as they are neither adjacent to, nor opposite the proposed footpath. Whilst these property owners according to the petition are "*opposed to a footpath being constructed in Manna Gum Road, Narellan Vale*" it is therefore unclear whether or not these opponents were fully aware of the extent and location of the proposed footpath.

It should be noted that the siting and extent of the proposed footpath is considered to be adequate at this time and further extension along Manna Gum Road is not foreseen.

In addition, Council has investigated the relocation of the proposed footpath to the opposite side of Manna Gum Road (fronting No.17 to No.33 inclusive). This option was however considered inappropriate as this alternate route would provide a disjointed link in the footpath network and would not service the pedestrian desire line.

Due to the noted safety issues involved with this project, and the opposition to the construction of this footpath; it is proposed to refer this issue to the Traffic Committee for assessment and recommendation to Council.

### **Conclusion**

Council has identified the need for this section of concrete footpath giving due regard to the needs of the wider community and to the relevant site conditions. The construction of this concrete footpath would assist in establishing a continuous footpath network in this location by way of linking two sections of

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existing footpath, whilst at the same time providing a safe off road pedestrian accessway along this section of Manna Gum Road.

Recommended: That Council

- (i) note the petition against the construction of the proposed footpath in Manna Gum Road;
- (ii) refer the safety issues regarding the construction of this footpath to the Traffic Committee for assessment and recommendation.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Senise, that Council:

- (i) *note the petition against the construction of the proposed footpath in Manna Gum Road;*
- (ii) *refer the safety issues regarding the construction of this footpath to the Traffic Committee for assessment and recommendation.*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

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13. **Community Facilities Management Report** (File 1323)  
(Director, Works and Services)

**Introduction**

Social infrastructure, in the form of community halls, community centres and sporting facilities, provides a valuable resource for the local community. They offer a venue to meet, socialise, access information and services and facilitate in encouraging communities to particulate in the development of their community.

This review of community management by volunteer committees was undertaken in 1999/2000. The review raises the following critical issues which need to be addressed.

- Community management model is more effective in the rural and established areas where there is a tradition of community ownership.
- Community management model is less successful in release area developments.
- Social justice principles including access and equity of use has been an ongoing concern.
- Reliance and demands placed on volunteers is increasing which is increasingly becoming a limiting factor in participation. (Cultural awareness, equitable fees and charges, GST).
- Volunteer satisfaction often is in providing social and beautification programs that have tangible outcomes.
- Tax reform has burdened committees in requiring additional regular reporting provisions.
- Council's statutory obligations and risk management exposure is increasing compliance requirements.
- Community continued expectation for higher standards.
- Changing needs of the community.
- Community facilities also form a major asset for Council in terms of land, building and equipment.
- Council's public image is often identified by the standards and quality of facilities and services provided from local community facilities.

The Community Facilities Management Report forms **Tabled Document "BPA 8"**. It provides an overview of current facility management issues and provides recommended strategies and actions for Council's consideration.

The recommended strategies emanating from the report are that:

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- ❖ Council centralise the administrative functions of bookings, cleaning, maintenance and financial accounting of urban community centres, initially Currans Hill and Mount Annan facilities.
- ❖ Council recreation parks facilities and rural community halls be managed using the community based management currently in operation.
- ❖ Council consider the closure of the Oxley Street Youth Cottage as a public building and develop Narellan Community Centre and Hall to provide a youth centre and community facilities which are identified as a growing need in the local government area.
- ❖ Council negotiate leases with incorporated community management committees for the provision of services from the RSL Youth Hall and Jumbunna Children's Community Centre.
- ❖ Council conduct a social impact study of the Camden Senior Citizens' Centre to identify the potential for accommodating a wider range of uses and users.

The Report has a number of implications for the current provision of services and management. The Report needs to be widely circulated for community comment. Community Management Committees need to be consulted regarding recommended changes to management operations.

It is important to note that the Mount Annan Community Facilities Management Committee and the Currans Hill Community Management Committee no longer have viable committees. The Community Services Branch is currently managing bookings and finances of these committees, with the exception of Tennis Court hire which is being managed by a Mount Annan Committee member.

Recommended: That

- (i) The Community Facilities Management Report (August 2000) be placed on public exhibition for a period of two months.
- (ii) Following exhibition, a further report be submitted for Council's consideration.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr McFadden, that  
consideration of this matter be deferred to the next Council meeting.*

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14. **Skateboard Facility** (3102/2) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

Purpose of Report

This report aims to clarify concerns raised by Council during discussions associated with their previous consideration of a report at its meeting of 14 August 2000. (This earlier report can be found as **Tabled Document “BPA 9”**).

This report seeks to clarify the differing but compatible natures of the Council and Narellan Uniting Church skateboard facilities and as such the ability to locate both facilities in the Mount Annan / Smeaton Grange precinct.

Previous Council Determination

The issue of like facilities in the Mount Annan area has been the subject of prior Council discussion and determination. In the context of the Mount Annan Leisure Centre proposal, at the meeting of 25 August 1997, Council resolved as follows:

That Council advise the Narellan Uniting Church that it should base its commitment to its own project at Smeaton Grange Road on its own assessment of the feasibility and viability of that project.

That in the event of the Narellan Uniting Church centre coming to fruition that co-operative marketing and/or membership arrangements be the subject of commercial negotiations between the respective management groups.

Narellan Uniting Church Facility

Council staff met with a representative of Narellan Uniting Church on Friday 18 August 2000. It was confirmed by both parties that the facilities planned by Council and Narellan Community Care are significantly different in nature and have the potential to perform supplementary and complementary roles in the provision of facilities for young people in the Camden area.

The facility to be provided by Narellan Uniting Church is a commercial enterprise, albeit supplemented with a community approach. It is proposed to be a temporary facility located where stage two of the Uniting Church recreation centre is planned to develop. Once stage two of the centre is developed, the Church facility can be extended to continue to provide a skateboard area, however this will be the subject of a commercial decision at the time. The Uniting Church skateboard facility is a commercial

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venture that will in due course need to financially support itself. Whilst in the very early stages of planning, initial indications suggest a fee of somewhere in the order of \$5 per two and a half hour session will apply.

The skateboard facility will be fully supervised at all times and open before and after school, evenings, weekends and school holidays. Access may be limited however as skaters will more than likely participate through programmed sessions, that is, specific time slots for varying skills levels. There is also the potential for skill development activities to take place as a part of a formal club like approach.

The Narellan Uniting Church venue aims to provide a total recreational experience for the whole community. It is therefore envisaged that it is likely to attract younger beginner skaters attending the centre with parents and family.

Whilst the Narellan Uniting Church recreational centre will provide a quality skateboard facility, it is dependant on commercial sustainability and likely to be attractive only to a certain sector of the population. For some young people both facilities may be attractive and these young people will use both facilities. For other young people who are older or those who identify with the “street culture” of skateboarding, the Narellan Uniting Church facility will simply “not be cool”.

It is likely that the two facilities will appeal to very different markets and user groups. Both have the potential for meeting the needs of differing segments of the community. Locating Council’s facility in the vicinity of the Narellan Uniting Church Centre ensures that the needs of all young people will be addressed and further creates a focus for young people in the Mount Annan District Centre precinct.

Conclusion

It is envisaged that the differing nature of the two planned facilities will in fact facilitate complementary usage. The meeting between Council staff and Narellan Uniting Church concluded with agreement that the two facilities actually complement each other and together will provide young people with a more complete skating experience.

Recommended: That the following strategy for the provision of skateboard facilities within Camden Local Government Area be approved:

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- (i) Birriwa Reserve Mount Annan be nominated as the site for the construction of a comprehensive skateboard facility and that Council staff together with Council's Skateboard Advisory Committee commence planning and design for this facility.
- (ii) Upon finalisation of a design, the proposal be subject to extensive community consultation
- (iii) An opportunity to relocate Council's current skateboard facility, located at the Camden swimming pool, to a site within the Camden Town Centre, be subject to further investigation and negotiation.
- (iv) Any suggested relocation of Council's current facility, including site details be reported back to Council for determination

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr Senise, that the following strategy for the provision of skateboard facilities within Camden Local Government Area be approved:*

- (i) *Birriwa Reserve Mount Annan be nominated as the site for the construction of a comprehensive skateboard facility and that Council staff together with Council's Skateboard Advisory Committee commence planning and design for this facility.*
- (ii) *Upon finalisation of a design, the proposal be subject to extensive community consultation*
- (iv) *An opportunity to relocate Council's current skateboard facility, located at the Camden swimming pool, to a site within the Camden Town Centre, be subject to further investigation and negotiation.*
- (iv) *Any suggested relocation of Council's current facility, including site details be reported back to Council for determination*

*THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.*

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15. **Proposed Rezoning of Land generally to the North of “Spring Hill” Village, Currans Hill** (4320) (Director, Governance & Outcomes)

**Proponent:** Landco Holdings and Wolin Investments

**Purpose of the Report**

This report seeks to advise Council of the receipt of a rezoning application for land generally to the north of Spring Hill Village and to detail a broad framework for dealing with the application.

**The Rezoning Proposal in Brief**

The Landco Holdings/Wolin Investments joint venture which is currently developing the “Spring Hill Village” residential estate at Currans Hill has submitted a rezoning application for land generally to the north of that estate. The land comprises approximately 56.18 hectares. Within the same natural catchment is land of some 7.57 hectares owned by the Driver family which should also be included.

Reproduced as **Tabled Document “BPA10”** is an extract plan which shows the subject land, the adjoining Driver land and depicts the relationship of the land to the “Spring Hill Village” development.

The land corresponds with a precinct generally identified in the Structure Plan as having some inherent future urban development potential.

The rezoning proposal submitted by Landco Holdings advances a “place-based” approach to the development of a new community focused upon innovative urban modules and rural transitional allotments. Further, the approach advanced by the proponent to managing the proposed development is consistent with Council’s philosophy of managing urban growth as documented in the Strategic and Management Plans.

**Consideration of the Rezoning Application**

This report does not seek to document in detail the rezoning proposal any further than the brief description provided above. A comprehensive report will be compiled for Council’s future consideration of the rezoning proposal.

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**Advancing the Rezoning Proposal**

It is considered appropriate that a briefing in respect of the proposal take place in October, 2000 in a Councillors workshop environment prior to Council's consideration of the comprehensive report referred to above.

It should also be noted that the proponent has undertaken to fund planning resources to advance the rezoning proposal.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council note receipt of the rezoning application for land generally to the north of "Spring Hill Village".
- (ii) A Councillors' workshop be convened in October, 2000 for a briefing in respect of the proposal.
- (iii) A comprehensive report in respect of the proposal be considered subsequent to the Councillors' workshop.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Corrigan, that:

- (i) Council note receipt of the rezoning application for land generally to the north of "Spring Hill Village".
- (ii) A Councillors' workshop be convened in October, 2000 for a briefing in respect of the proposal.
- (iii) A comprehensive report in respect of the proposal be considered subsequent to the Councillors' workshop.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Winn, that the Minutes of the Delegated Committees, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION** (TC/1681)

I, Councillor Sylvia Fekete, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following Motion at the Council Meeting of 28 August, 2000.

“That Council address the need to further enhance and maintain our waterways, by the planting of trees, of those species which are environmentally sound and acceptable.”

Signed:

Cr Sylvia Fekete

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

*The Notice of Motion was formally*

*Moved Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Corrigan, that Council address the need to further enhance and maintain our waterways, by the planting of trees, of those species which are environmentally sound and acceptable.*

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*THE NOTICE OF MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.*

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**Roundabout – Argyle Street** (File 1947)

Cr Winn requested to be advised if the stone blocks being used in the roundabout will be uniform in texture as some are rough and others are smooth.

The Director Works & Services stated some of the stones taken from the Old Mill are smooth, others are a rough texture. Three pieces of stone are missing from the original, however contractors have matched the new stones particularly well. The contractor has performed a very professional job. The stonework should have been completed on 28 August with the garden to be installed shortly. The new garden will provide some colour for the Torch Relay.

**Filming on Private Property** (File 491)

Cr Corrigan requested to be advised if Council has any controls on filming of advertisements or commercials on private property. Last week a commercial was filmed adjacent to Camelot in Kirkham with street lights, a helicopter and strobe lights, which went well into the night. Neighbours were not consulted adequately.

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The Director Development & Environment stated such requests do require consent. The Department of Local Government has issued guidelines in the new legislation shortly to be enacted.

Cr Corrigan asked further if investigation could be made into the requirements of metropolitan councils in relation to this matter and the submission of the DA for filming.

The General Manager stated this will take place.

**Supply of Computer Equipment to Councillors** (File 3539)

Cr Corrigan referred to a recent report to Council on the provision of computers to Councillors in other local government areas. Could a further report be completed on the supply of lap tops including costs and outcomes, particularly the arrangements in Campbelltown City Council.

The General Manager stated this will occur.

**Signage – Narellan Mail Delivery Centre** (File 2319)

Cr Senise requested Council contact either the RTA or Australia Post with a view to providing signage at the intersection of Camden Valley Way and Graham Hill Road, Narellan, indicating the location of the Mail Delivery Centre. The Centre is difficult to locate if the community do not know where it is.

The Director Works & Services indicated this will occur.

**Computer Access- Internet – Libraries** (File 3165)

Cr Senise requested to be advised how many computers have Internet access at the Camden and Narellan Libraries and the limitations imposed as to time/cost and access.

The Director Works & Services stated a report will be provided. However, the library at Narellan when completed will have a heavy information technology content. There will be a dramatic increase over the next few months. Patrons will have unlimited access to the Internet with Council charging for print-outs only.

**Payment of Rates via Internet** (File 3355)

Cr McFadden requested do officers have any knowledge of Councils in Australia having the facility to pay rates via the Internet.

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The Acting Director Governance & Outcomes stated Council is currently developing a web site with the second stage to be an e-commerce facility. It is envisaged this will include the interaction between Council and the community in terms of electronic lodgement of applications etc. It is not known if any Council in Australia currently has the ability to pay rates over the Internet.

The General Manager stated Brisbane City Council has this facility.

**Clean Up – Camden Valley Way** (File 3288)

Cr Fekete drew attention to a clean up of rubbish occurring last Saturday along Camden Valley Way. Was this Council staff.

The Director Works & Services stated Council had a contract with the RTA and Council does carry out periodic maintenance.

**Torch Relay through Camden** (File 4239)

Cr Batros requested to be advised if Council is aware of who the runners are and when they will be carrying the Olympic Torch through Camden next Monday. It would be of benefit to the community to know beforehand who will be running the various sections.

The General Manager stated Council is not aware of who is carrying the Torch in the various stages as SOCOG has not released this detailed information.

The Acting Director Governance & Outcomes stated a media release will be issued in the local press later this week publicising the Torch Relay next Monday.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.