

**MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 14 MAY, 2001, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET
CAMDEN**

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

Staff: Acting General Manager (Director Works & Services), Director Development & Environment, Acting Director Governance & Outcomes (Manager Outcomes), Manager Engineering, Manager Assets, Manager Administration, Acting Manager Community Services (Library Administrator), Manager Finance & Management Accountant.

Apologies: An apology for leave of absence from this meeting was received from Cr B Batros.

*RS016/01 Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Fekete, that
***** leave of absence be granted to Cr Batros from this meeting.*

*THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.*

1. **Investment Monies: Period ended, 31st March, 2001**
(Director Governance & Outcomes)

In accordance with clause 19 (3a & 3b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, a list of investments held by Council as at 31st March, 2001, is provided as **Tabled Document "RS1"**.

It is further certified that all investments have been made in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the relevant regulations and Council's investment policy.

Current investments of the General Fund both term and call are returning an average daily yield of 5.73% and during the month of March, 2001, the average return on all investments both call and term was 5.77%.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council note that the Principal Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.
- (ii) The list of investments as at 31st March, 2001 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 5.77% for the month of March, 2001, be noted.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr Fekete that

- (i) Council note that the Principal Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been

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*made in accordance with the Local Government Act,
Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.*

- (ii) The list of investments as at 31st March, 2001 be noted.*
- (iii) The interest rate return of 5.77% for the month of March,
2001, be noted.*

*RS017/01 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.*

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2. **Budget Review as at 31st March, 2001** (3655) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

A review of Council's expenditures and income has been carried out as at 31st March, 2001 and an assessment made against the budget for expenditure and incomes to 30th June, 2001.

Council's Budget Review as at 31st December, 2000 forecast a Working Capital deficit of \$89,045 for the 2000/2001 Financial Year. The Budget Review as at 31st March, 2001 now forecasts a Working Capital surplus of \$791,417 which equates to a position turnaround of \$880,462 for the period. Council had resolved to transfer \$500,000 to Reserve (\$300,000 to Capital Works and \$200,000 to Information Technology) at previous Reviews. Due to the necessity to maintain adequate Working Capital, The transfer to the two (2) Reserves has been recommended not to be transferred in this Review. This action accounts for \$500,000 of the turnaround for the period thus leaving a net trading turnaround for the period of \$380,462. Detailed below is a summary of the movements since the last Review:-

Anticipated Deficit as at 31 st December, 2000	\$4,541,554
Anticipated Deficit as at 31 st March, 2001	<u>3,661,092</u>
Movement for period (surplus)	880,462
Deduct non transfer to Reserves	<u>500,000</u>
Net movement for period (surplus)	<u>380,462</u>

At the September 2000 Budget Review, original estimates of income for subdivision activity was not altered as it was felt that the trend would increase as the year progressed. That trend did not eventuate during the period October 2000 to December 2000 and it was necessary to reassess the incomes for the remainder of the year to give Council a more indicative financial position for the financial year 2000/2001. During the period January 2001 to 31st March, 2001 the subdivision and approval activity improved markedly and continues to improve as at this date.

Other major contributing factors for the improved financial position for the period are rate income, certificate fees, penalties, street lighting charges saving, salary savings and under expenditure in various recurrent expenditure activities. A summary of the votes where income/expenditure have varied by \$10,000 or more is contained in **Tabled Document "RS2"**.

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Detailed below is Council's anticipated Working Capital position as at 30th June, 2001:-

Working Capital as at 1 st July, 2000 (surplus)	\$4,452,509
Deficit for Year	<u>3,661,092</u>
Net Working Capital (surplus)	<u>791,417</u>

As can be seen above, Council's Working Capital as at 30th June, 2001 is estimated to be a surplus of \$791,417. This amount is \$8,583 below Council's adopted policy of a minimum Working Capital balance of \$800,000. However, it is felt that this shortfall can be achieved by windfall income or under expenditure on recurrent expenditure activities in the final period of this financial year.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council endorse the non transfer of \$300,000 to the Capital Works Reserve and \$200,000 to the Information Technology Reserve as contained in this Budget Review.
- (ii) The information be noted.
- (iii) The Vote Variations be adopted.

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

- (i) Council endorse the non transfer of \$300,000 to the Capital Works Reserve and \$200,000 to the Information Technology Reserve as contained in this Budget Review.
- (ii) The information be noted.
- (iii) The Vote Variations be adopted.

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3. **Budget Strategy 2001/2002** (3968) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

Introduction

The overall direction and priorities of Camden Council are set out in the Strategic Plan: Camden 2025. This details the outcomes which Council wishes to achieve over the longer term, and the strategies and actions aimed at achieving the desired outcomes.

The Management Plan and Budget for each year then detail the outputs to be delivered during the budget year and the funding required.

However Council has not previously had any process by which the large number of competing bids for funds in any year can be prioritised. This has meant that it has been difficult to make a connection between the longer term outcomes to be delivered by the Strategic Plan and the short term outputs to be delivered during the next budget period as there are no criteria against which budget bids could be prioritised.

A new process

So that Council can be clear about what it is trying to achieve during the next budget year and ensure funding is directed to those purposes, Council officers have developed a new process to set a Budget Strategy for the forthcoming year.

Consultations were held between the General Manager and Councillors and between Managers and their staff about the most pressing Strategic Plan issues that need to be addressed. The Senior Management Team then held a workshop to determine what short term outcomes the next Budget should aim to deliver. Those outcomes are set out below.

Budget bids were then assessed against whether they would deliver the outcomes. Bids with high potential to deliver the outcomes were given a high priority. High priority was also given to ensuring Council meets its legal and contractual obligations and to addressing issues of safety and security for staff and the community.

Where no budget bid was made in respect of specific outcomes, a careful assessment was made to ensure that the outcome could be delivered within existing resources. If not, additional bids were prepared to ensure all priority areas would be addressed.

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Outcomes for 2001/2002

As a result of the new initiatives contained in the proposed budget, together with ongoing programs, the following outcomes should be achieved by the end of 2002. (The numbers in brackets reference the Strategic Plan strategies and actions being specifically addressed.)

Managing Urban Growth

- The establishment of clear relationships with all stakeholders involved with urban growth, including State and federal governments as well as developers, will result in a cohesive, integrated and co-ordinated approach being taken to development in Camden. [1.1.2 (ii)]
- Planning for all elements of a sustainable urban community will be in place for Elderslie Infill and Spring Farm releases. This includes addressing environmental and accessibility issues as well as good urban design and social planning elements. [1.1.2 (ii)(iv)]
- The desired future character of all the “places” that comprise Camden will have been identified in consultation with the community and the standards required to achieve them will have been specified. A single, user-friendly, place-based planning instrument will define these future outcomes for Camden and consolidate, and reconcile all current planning instruments applying in Camden. [1.1.2 (v)]
- Improvements in the quality of all new approved developments including buildings and subdivisions will begin to be apparent “on the ground”. [1.2.2 (v), 4.3.1(I)]
- Urban revitalisation will have commenced in the Narellan Central Business District and resolution of pressing issues including community identity, accessibility and development planning in will have commenced as part of the Urban Improvement Program. [1.2.2.1 (ii), 2.1.1 (iii)]

Accessibility

- The location and timing of the second east-west link between Camden and Campbelltown will have been resolved. [2.1.1 (ii)]
- There will be agreement with the state government as to exact proposal and timing for the resolution of the Narellan Road/Camden Bypass/Camden Valley Way/Northern Road connections and alignments. [2.1.1 (ii)(iii)]
- A clear and detailed commitment to appropriate, convenient and accessible public transport in Camden and connecting Camden to other centres will have been reached with the state government. [2.1.1 (ii)]
- Appropriate interconnectivity between Elderslie/Spring Farm and existing infrastructure will have been identified and agreed. [2.1.1 (iii)]

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- There will be a clear understanding and established guidelines about designing, implementing and maintaining accessibility at a neighbourhood level so that infrastructure planning, particularly in relation to cycleways, walkways and drainage, is environmentally appropriate and does not result in the creation of social problems. [2.1.1 (iii)]
- There will be better access for people with mobility difficulties to public facilities. [2.3.1 (i)]
- Residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds will have improved access to information about services and facilities through the development of packages in community languages. [2.2.1 (i)]

Environmental Systems

- The environmental awareness of the community will have increased with the environment being increasingly valued and protected by the community through a raised emphasis on Council's educative role, backed by recourse to enforcement only where necessary. [3.1 (iii)]
- Environmental performance indicators will be in place and being used to improve environmental standards. [3.1 (i)(ii)]
- Threatened species will be afforded increased protection through the establishment and application of an appropriate strategy. [3.4 (ii)]
- Camden Council's own house will be in order with regard to carrying out its operations in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. [3.1 (i)]
- Riparian lands are being conserved and enhanced. [3.2 (iv)]
- Public health standards will have improved with better standards of health and hygiene in food premises. [Omitted from Plan. Will be recommended for inclusion in next review.]
- The state government will be fully cognisant of air quality issues in Camden and the requirement for improved air quality monitoring will have been raised at both bureaucratic and political levels. [3.3]
- The state government will have given a commitment to maintain a local facility for waste management. [3.6]

Economic and Community Development

- Council will have a better understanding of the needs of the community. [4.2.1 (i)]
- Methods of ensuring that new communities are being integrated into both existing communities and the rural Camden context will be in place. [4.2]
- Social capital will be enhanced through the support and nurturing of volunteer programs and activities in the community. [4.2.1 (iii)]
- The economic and development potential of Camden's rural lands will have been articulated and made known to the

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community and will be guiding Council's decisions on these issues. [4.4.1 (i)]

- Residents living in rural areas will have an improved understanding of the rights and responsibilities of living in rural areas and there will be an increase in "good neighbour behaviour" in these areas. (4.4.1(i), 4.4.1(ii) & 4.4.1 (iii))
- A clear understanding of Camden's economic future will have been articulated in consultation with the community. [4.1.1 (i)]
- There will be increased tourist activity in Camden, including agri-tourism. [4.1.1 (iv) & 4.1.1 (v)]
- The components of the "working country town horseshoe", in particular Bicentennial Equestrian Park and Miss Davies Farm, will be being developed and managed. [4.1.1 (v)]
- The improved quality of urban design will be delivering more "livable" environments which are aesthetically pleasing and socially sustainable. [4.3.1 (i)]

Governance

- The community's understanding of Council, including its role and achievements, will have improved as will Council's understanding and relationships with the community. [5.3.1 (i)]
- A "community report card" will have been prepared on Council's performance against its Strategic Plan: Camden 2025. [5.3.1 (i)]
- A long term financial planning strategy, including identification of the funding of Council's civic works program, will have been adopted. [5.1.1 (ii)]
- All Council staff will be housed in appropriate accommodation which provides sufficient space and level of amenity to enable them to perform their duties with reasonable comfort and efficiency. [5.2]
- Council's information systems (records and IT systems) will meet both Council's internal needs to perform its work efficiently and the needs of the community to access Council and its information both now and into the future. [5.2]

Consideration

The proposed Budget Strategy sets clear short term outcomes expected to be achieved through the funding initiatives recommended for approval in the Management Plan and Budget. The outcomes recommended for achievement have been included because of their high potential to advance the Strategic Plan: Camden 2025 in the most effective manner and address the needs which are most pressing.

While all areas of the Strategic Plan are included, special emphasis has been placed on initiatives in the Environmental Systems area. The delivery of environmental outcomes is crucial to the achievement of the overall vision for Camden and

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this area has not received sufficient funding support in the past to enable this to occur.

The adoption of the Budget Strategy will enable budget bids to be prioritised according to the outcomes Council wishes to see achieved during the budget period. It also increases the accountability and transparency of the budget process as it enables the community to understand why budget decisions have been made.

It will be noted that this budget strategy does not address how Council should address the difficult issue of major civic works which are not covered by developer contribution funding. Two such projects are the Camden Swimming Pool and the provision of a decked car park structure in Camden.

How Council should handle such issues will be set out in the Financial Planning Strategy which is proposed to be delivered during the budget period. However it should be noted that Council will almost certainly have to borrow significant amounts to undertake such projects and that it is unlikely to be possible to undertake more than one at a time.

In the meantime, funding for a feasibility study for the car park has been included in the proposed Budget and it is suggested that additional funding sources for the Camden Pool be actively pursued during the next year.

Recommended: That Council adopt the Budget Strategy as set out above as the basis for the 2001/2002 Budget.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr Winn that Council adopt the Budget Strategy as set out above as the basis for the 2001/2002 Budget.

RS019/01 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

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4. **2001/2002 Budget and Management Plan** (3968)(Director Governance & Outcomes)

The draft 2001/2002 Management Plan (incorporating the Budget) is submitted for Council's consideration and public exhibition.

After some years of difficult financial times, during which it was necessary to seek two separate Ministerial rate rises, the Council's finances have achieved some respite over the past two budgets. Increasing levels of development have seen substantial increases in revenues from two principal streams. Development related income from application and inspection fees and new rating assessments, as they come on stream, add to basic revenues for the Council and have made a significant contribution. However, a slowing of development activity over the past year and similar projections for the 2001/2002 year have imposed certain constraints on the Council's forward financial plans for the coming year.

The budget, presented by management, is a balanced budget. The rate increase included in the budget is the maximum permitted by the Minister for Local Government of 2.8% and this increase, coupled with the growth of rating income has been the major factor in achieving a balanced budget. Further, additional expenditure of an essential nature totalling a nett \$662,000 has been included in the budget

Substantial capital works are included in the budget to continue our program of constructing new facilities for our community. The global program includes:

Roadworks/Parking	\$2,600,000
Drainage	\$2,600,000
Open space development	\$ 700,000
Extractive industries	\$ 300,000

Loan borrowings of \$2,300,000 are proposed to fund, in part, the capital works outlined above. Council's indebtedness remains within the policy parameters previously set (\$250 per capita) at \$187 per capita and remains reasonable given the developing nature of the local government area. It also represents a reduction from the current level of \$216 per capita. Both Council's auditor and the Department of Local Government are satisfied with this level of borrowing and have made no adverse comment during either the audit or financial statements processes.

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In summary, Council's 2001/2002 budget involves expenditure totalling more than \$46 million which is funded in the following manner:

Rates and charges	\$15,276,472	32%
Untied Grants	\$ 1,994,500	4%
Tied Grants	\$ 1,321,023	3%
Fees and Charges	\$ 6,294,270	14%
Loans	\$ 2,300,000	5%
Transfers from reserves	\$ 5,278,511	11%
Interest on Investments	\$ 1,709,490	4%
Sale of Assets	\$ 145,182	0%
Contributions	\$ 6,291,610	14%
<i>Non Cash Income</i>	\$ 5,080,960	11%
Other Income	\$ 750,500	2%
	<u>\$46,445,518</u>	

In terms of the Camden 2025 Strategic Plan, total expenditures are:

Managing Urban Growth	\$ 7,767,098
Accessibility	\$ 8,920,934
Environmental Systems	\$ 9,063,658
Economic and Community Development	\$ 8,811,571
Governance	<u>\$11,250,952</u>
	\$45,814,212

The difference between the expenditure and venue totals is the nett cost of the "additional items" list referred to earlier.

Councillors have been provided with an opportunity to discuss the budget in a workshop situation and have had the opportunity to seek responses to questions from the responsible management staff. A revised copy of the documents has been **provided separately to Councillors**.

The budget and management plan will be placed on exhibition until Friday 15 June, 2001 and a further report, on the results of the public exhibition, will be submitted to the Council meeting of 25 June, 2001 for adoption of the documents. The documents will be available for inspection at Council's Camden and Narellan Offices, Camden and Narellan Libraries.

Recommended: That the draft 2001/2002 Management Plan and Budget be placed on public exhibition until 15 June, 2000 with a view to adoption by Council at its meeting of 25 June, 2001.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Fekete that the draft 2001/2002 Management Plan and Budget be placed on public exhibition until 15 June, 2000 with a view to adoption by Council at its meeting of 25 June, 2001.

RS020/01 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

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5. **Development of Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park – Advance on funds from 2001 – 2002 Budget** (File 1500.660/2)(Director Governance & Outcomes)

Purpose of this Report

This report seeks Council's endorsement of an advance of funds from the 2001 – 2002 annual budget to the Camden Horse Trials Inc for the purpose of upgrading the existing course to constitute an advanced cross-country course at Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park.

Background

The Park was officially opened in August 2000 with an inaugural one-day event organised by the Camden Horse Trials. Since the initial event there has been a number of other equestrian competitions/activities in the park including a number of Dressage competitions, Polo-cross competitions, a Pony Club exhibition day and coaching/training clinics.

The facility continues to attract strong interest from a wide range of equestrian groups and potential users and with efficient development, management and promotion will evolve into a major centre for equestrian activity in the region.

As previously established the Park is an integral component in embellishing Camden's rural/urban interface and "working country town" image and character. Further, a successful equestrian park has the potential to contribute significantly to the economic viability of the town and the area. In consideration of the importance of this facility and the need for its continued development, Council recently endorsed a draft budget of \$50,000 to be spent on developing/promoting the park in the next financial year.

The Proposed Development

Following last year's successful one-day event and the positive feedback from competitors and spectators alike, the NSW Horse Trials Council recently awarded the state horse trials championships to the Camden Horse Trials group. The event, scheduled for August 2001 at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park, is a highly prestigious one for Camden in that it will raise the profile of the venue and provide a catalyst in terms of its user appeal and general marketability.

The Camden Horse Trials currently has a development application before Council that deals with the upgrade of the existing cross country course to accommodate advanced level competitions. Such a development will require a minimum

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investment of about \$30,000, only part of which can be met by the local Horse Trials group through sponsorship support.

The group has made representation to Council to fund the remaining work to bring the course up to standard for this major event through an advance from next year's budget allocation. A letter of application from The Camden Horse Trials Inc requesting such an advance forms **Tabled Document "RS3"**.

The work of upgrading the course will be carried out either directly or supervised by Keith Parrish, the builder of the original course. Mr Parrish's expertise in course building, enhanced by his involvement with the Olympic venue at Horsley Park, is undisputed within the equestrian fraternity. The cross-country course once completed will give Camden a facility second only to Horsley Park, a venue that is experiencing a number of constraints in terms of its on going usage.

The Horse Trials group further has an opportunity to host an international course builders' seminar at Bicentennial Park that would include some of the world's leading course designers providing the above-mentioned project goes ahead. Again such exposure to leading equestrian exponents can only benefit the facility in terms of prestige and national/international standing.

The 355 Management Committee

Following the establishment of the park Council approved the formation of a 355 Management Committee under the Local Government Act to oversee the future management and development of the site. The committee has responsibility for the care, control and management of the facility including its development and promotion.

The committee at an extraordinary meeting of 14th February 2001 endorsed the development application for stage two of the park, which outlined the work required to accommodate an advanced level of competition. Further the committee after consideration of the need for other amenities at the venue supported the application for the subject advance in funding at its meeting on 2nd May 2001.

Conclusion

The development of the cross-country component of the course is considered to have merit in terms of the on going development and evolution of the park. Attracting prestige competitions such as state titles can only have a beneficial effect towards its ultimate aim of hosting major national and

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international competitions. Further, such competition will further enhance the profile and appeal of the venue from both a user and spectator perspective and will have obvious beneficial commercial impacts upon the Town.

Recommended: That the application from the Camden Horse Trials for an advance in funding to the extent of \$20,000 from Council's 2001 - 2002 Annual Budget, to upgrade the existing cross-country course at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park to constitute an advanced level course, be approved.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Anderson that the application from the Camden Horse Trials for an advance in funding to the extent of \$20,000 from Council's 2001 - 2002 Annual Budget, to upgrade the existing cross-country course at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park to constitute an advanced level course, be approved.

RS021/01 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

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6. **Management Plan Review – 31st March,2001.** (3568/2)
(Director Governance & Outcomes)

Council prepares the Management Plan each year in conjunction with the Annual Budget, which sets strategies and actions for the next 3 years.

Many of the Strategies and Actions are current for the life of the 3 year plan, however, a number of them include specific time frame targets.

The Local Government Act, 1993, requires a quarterly report to be submitted to Council showing the progress to date on the Strategies. A table showing those Strategies and Actions due on 31st March, 2001 form **Table Document “RS4”** with appropriate comments on progress.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr Winn that the information be noted.

RS022/01 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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7. **Local Government Remuneration Tribunal – 2001
Determination** (File 719/5)(Director Governance & Outcomes)

On 22nd January, 2001, Council considered a request from the Tribunal seeking comments on certain aspects of the annual review and a call for submissions. Council resolved to submit an application for a reclassification from a Category 3 to Category 2 Council.

The Tribunal received a total of 31 submissions, drawing attention to various areas of change, which impinge on the operation of Councils, particularly in regard to management, consultation and planning. Particular attention was also drawn to the involvement of Councils in water reform and roads and the increase in community representation.

A submission was lodged on behalf of Camden, based on the significant growth in urban development, which has taken place in the area since 1995 and the significant increase in demands on Council and Councillors. As a result of these changes, it was also raised that Camden now functions more like a suburban Council than a rural Council.

The Tribunal has accepted the issues raised in the submission, and has recommended Council be recategorised from Category 3 to Category 2. A full list of Category 2 Councils forms “**Tabled Document RS5**” for information.

Fees

Previous Tribunal Reports have stated each annual review of fees, was determined in the framework of the economic circumstances of the time. No general increases have been granted on these occasions as stable economic conditions existed. However, the Tribunal has now stated, the trend over the past two years indicated that some economic adjustment is warranted to underpin the increasing responsibilities placed on Mayors and Councillors.

After considering the views submitted, the Tribunal recommended a general increase in all minimum and maximum fees by approximately 7 percent for Councillors and 10 percent for Mayors. This represents a \$770 increase in the Councillor category and an increase of \$2860 in the Mayoral category. The table below indicates the new fees for Category 2 Councils:

	COUNCILLOR FEES		MAYORAL FEES	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Category 2	\$5,350	\$11,770	\$11,000	\$24860

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It is noted, Council adjusted the fees payable in May, 2000 to the maximum allowed at that time, being \$11,000 for Councillors and \$22,000 for the Mayor. This adjustment was the first and only increase in fees since May, 1995.

Recommended: That:

- (i) the reclassification to a Category 2 Council be noted; and the fees payable to Councillors and the Mayor be considered in conjunction with the adoption of the Budget.

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

- (i) the reclassification to a Category 2 Council be noted; and the fees payable to Councillors and the Mayor be considered in conjunction with the adoption of the Budget.

RS023/01 THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

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8. **Petition – Request to Provide Footpath Purcell Street, Elderslie** (File 2817 [Director Works and Services])

Council is in receipt of a petition containing 94 signatories who state:

“We the undersigned, implore Camden Council to build a footpath to complete the western side of Purcell Street, Elderslie.

Purcell Street is a busy thoroughfare and is used as:

- *Pedestrian and vehicular access south and west of Macarthur Road;*
- *Pedestrian and cycle access to Elderslie High School from South Camden and Elderslie;*
- *A continuation of Nepean Cycleway for walkers and cyclists.”*

Following a Councillor’s request a costing of \$17,500 recently supplied directly to all councillors to execute the footpath required within this petition. (A plan showing the location of the proposed footpath is to be tabled at the meeting).

Recommended: That the matter be submitted for Council’s determination.

MOTION

Moved Cr Winn, seconded Cr Corrigan that Council construct the Purcell Street, Elderslie footpath at an estimated cost \$17,500.00 to be funded from the Central Ward Councillor Allocation.

AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Winn that Council construct the Purcell Street, Elderslie footpath at an estimated cost \$17,500.00 to be funded from the 2001/2002 Budget.

RS024/01

THE AMENDMENT ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**, BECAME THE MOTION AND WAS **CARRIED**.

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9. **Appointment of Rural Fire Service Officers (Camden District) 2001 Annual General Meetings.** (File 584/1)
(Director Works and Services)

To date, the Annual General Meetings have been held by a number of brigades with results as follows:

Cobbitty Rural Fire Brigade:

Captain: Ronald Usher
Senior Deputy Captain: Edgar Gaunt
Deputy Captain: Peter Rabbidge
Deputy Captain: John Nicholls

Catering Brigade:

Captain: John Macdonald
Senior Deputy Captain: Helen Page
Deputy Captain: Katrina Page
Deputy Captain: Gail Mayer

Communications Brigade:

Captain: David Andrews
Senior Deputy Captain: Jean Harrison
Deputy Captain: Scott Allerton

Catherine Field Rural Fire Brigade:

Captain: Garry Smith
Senior Deputy Captain: Justin Smith

Leppington Rural Fire Brigade:

Captain: Norman Walters
Deputy Captain: Robyn Osten

Recommended: That

- (i) Existing appointments for brigades mentioned in this report be deleted,
- (ii) The personnel as named in this report be appointed to positions as specified, and,
- (iii) Any outgoing officers be duly acknowledged for their commitment to service.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Winn that

- (i) Existing appointments for brigades mentioned in this report be deleted,
- (ii) The personnel as named in this report be appointed to positions as specified, and,
- (iii) Any outgoing officers be duly acknowledged for their commitment to service.

RS025/01 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 14 MAY, 2001, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET
CAMDEN**

10. **Civic Centre Undercroft Fees** (Director – Works and Services)

Council has recently redeveloped the underside of the Civic Centre. It includes a training room, a larger general use area, a kitchen and the foyer. The new area to be known as the Undercroft was officially opened by the Mayor at a gathering of members of the community on 2nd May. The Undercroft has been designed for use as a public facility and as such fees have been drawn up in line with similar Council owned community facilities. Before the fees may be adopted Council is required to exhibit them for public consideration for a period of 28 days.

A copy of the fees and charges is attached as **Tabled Document “RS6”**.

Recommended: That Council

- (i) adopt the proposed schedule of rates for the Undercroft for the purpose of advertising and confirmation by Council;
- (ii) at the expiration of the 28 day exhibition period a report be brought back to Council for adoption of the fees and charges.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Senise that Council

- (i) adopt the proposed schedule of rates for the Undercroft for the purpose of advertising and confirmation by Council;*
- (ii) at the expiration of the 28 day exhibition period a report be brought back to Council for adoption of the fees and charges.*

RS026/01 *THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.*

The Meeting closed at 8.00pm.