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Present: Cr Corrigan (Mayor/Chairperson), Cr Anderson, , Cr Winn, Cr Batros, Cr Fekete, Cr McFadden, Cr Campbell.

Staff: General Manager, Director Governance & Outcomes, Director Development & Environment, Director Works & Services, Manager Outcomes, Manager Corporate Services, Manager Community Services, Manager Environment & Health, Administration Officer.

Apologies: An apology was received from Cr Patterson & Cr Senise from this meeting.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Campbell that leave of absence be granted to Cr Patterson & Cr Senise for this meeting.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Mrs Lidwien Pickering and Mr Ray Miller addressed the Committee in relation to Item 5.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question:

Mr Jerry Osborne from Harrington Park asked if the stormwater drains could be directed to the retention basin and recycled through the reeds.

Answer:

Director Works & Services answered the system was designed by consultants who are experts in the field, SMEC Australia Pty Ltd but Council welcomed suggestions from the community for consideration by Council and the consultants.

Question:

Wayne Johnson from Harrington Park asked Council's position on Option D in Item 5 Approvals, Harrington Park Water Quality and Flood Management System - Stage 1.

Answer:

The Mayor responded this will be answered when the recommendation is discussed and if Mr Johnson was unhappy

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with the outcome of the discussions he would be happy to discuss it further.

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MAYORAL MINUTE – Plan First by PlanningNSW

At the MACROC Meeting on 10 April 2002 a presentation was made on Plan First by a representative of PlanningNSW.

The presentation detailed the proposed planning regions for NSW and in particular the metropolitan area of Sydney. The metropolitan area has been divided into three regions with Camden and Campbelltown being included in a Western Sydney region loosely based around the WSROC group of Councils. Wollondilly has been included in the Capital Hume Region which covers the Southern Highlands through to the ACT.

I have been advised that the following Notice of Motion was carried at the meeting of Campbelltown City Council on 16 April 2002.

“That Campbelltown City Council urgently convenes a meeting with the elected representatives and senior staff of Camden and Liverpool Councils to discuss the appropriateness of the three metropolitan regions proposed to be contained within Plan First by Planning NSW”.

Recommended: That elected representatives and senior staff of Camden Council meet with Campbelltown and Liverpool Councils to discuss the appropriateness of the three metropolitan regions proposed to be contained within Plan First by Planning NSW.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Campbell that elected representatives and senior staff of Camden Council meet with Campbelltown and Liverpool Councils to discuss the appropriateness of the three metropolitan regions proposed to be contained within Plan First by Planning NSW.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Batros that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 25th March, 2002, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted with alterations made to the item in Questions without Notice regarding Cr Campbell’s point relating to Camden Show 2002.

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1. Mayoral Chain of Office

(TC/4509) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

Camden's Mayoral Chain is a substantial heirloom of the Council. It carries the Council crest and is engraved with the name of every Mayor dating back to the first Council of 1889.

The chain of office has no further room for the adding of Mayoral names and tenures and requires a second row of engraving bars to be added in order for the names of future Mayors to be added. The construction of the chain is gold plated sterling silver and is therefore expensive to augment in this way. The estimate for the work, by appropriate regalia makers, is \$6,000.

Given the significant nature of the chain and its ceremonial role, it ought to be augmented to ensure that it maintains its capacity to serve the Council. Though the cost is substantial, the adding of an additional 48 engraving bars will mean that it will last at least another 50 years.

Recommended: That \$6,000 be considered for allocation in the next quarterly financial review for the augmentation of the Mayoral Chain.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that \$6,000 be considered for allocation in the next quarterly financial review for the augmentation of the Mayoral Chain.

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(Cr McFadden voted against the Motion).

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2. Management Plan Review – 31st March, 2002

(3568/2)(Director Governance &Outcomes)

Council prepares the Management Plan annually together with the Annual Budget, which sets strategies and actions for the next 3 years.

The Local Government Act requires quarterly reports be submitted to Council showing progress to date on strategies and actions within the Management Plan, falling due within each quarter.

The table below shows those strategies falling due together with appropriate comments on the progress to date:

	STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	COMMENT
GOVERNANCE	Monitor community satisfaction with Council services and implementation of Strategic Plan by completion of Community Survey	By March, 2002	Community Survey underway. Two Sections have been completed with one remaining. Will be completed June, 2002.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

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

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3. Budget Review as at 31st March 2002

(Director – Governance & Outcomes)

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of the necessary adjustments to the 2001/02 Budget since the adoption of the December Budget Review. These adjustments include those that

- Council has already authorised in a previous Council meeting, and
- Senior management have proposed and require Council's determination for budget inclusion

Summary of Budget Review

The March Review of the 2001/02 Budget has identified a further gain to Council's Working Funds of \$1,084,371.

The revised forecast of Accumulated Working Funds at the end of the financial year (30/06/2002) now stands at \$1,884,371. This represents a \$1,084,371 surplus above Council's minimum Working Funds level of \$800,000.

Chief Financial Officer's Comments

A thorough review of Council's budget was undertaken in the March Review with a distinct focus on identifying expenditure savings, revenue gains and potential Revotes (from the Revote policy introduced in January 2002). With the assistance of senior management, intense scrutiny was applied to every individual account with a view to incurring only absolutely essential expenditure for the balance of the financial year.

The product of this exercise is a very pleasing financial result for Council. From a financial management perspective, it would seem prudent to use the majority of this surplus to reduce Council's loan borrowings for 2002/03 to continue building capacity to borrow for major projects in the future.

In recent years, Council has borrowed a 'standard' \$2,300,000 in loans to fund capital or specific projects in the budget. In 2001/02 this figure was reduced to \$2,000,000 following a favourable 2000/01 Budget result.

The 2002/03 Draft Budget includes new loan borrowings of \$2,600,000. This figure comprises the 'standard' \$2,300,000 loan

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borrowings plus an additional \$300,000 loan to partially fund a new computer system.

Given the significant March Review surplus it would seem opportune to reduce the 2002/03 loan borrowings by \$600,000 to \$2,000,000.

The following table is a summary of budget adjustments up to 31st March 2002.

NOTE: All figures reflected in this report are expressed in terms of their impact on Council's budget. In other words,

1. **INCOME: Increases** are expressed as positive figures.
Reductions are expressed as (negative figures).
2. **EXPENDITURE: Increases** are expressed as (negative figures).
Reductions are expressed as positive figures.

Description	Income	Expenditure	Impact on Council's Working Funds
2001/02 Adopted Original Budget	41,646,260	(41,428,402)	217,858
Variations up to the December Review (as adopted by Council)	1,663,748	(4,775,814)	(3,112,066)
2001/02 March Review adjustments:			
NOTE 1: Authorised Variations	94,714	(94,714)	0
NOTE 2: Proposed Variations	270,047	814,324	1,084,371
NOTE 3: Contra Adjustments	(243,327)	243,327	0
NOTE 4: Expenditure Revotes	(2,651,800)	2,651,800	0
Total of March Review adjustments	(2,530,366)	3,614,737	1,084,371
Revised 2001/02 Budget as per March Review	40,779,642	(42,589,479)	(1,809,837)

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Description	Income	Expenditure	Impact on Council's Working Funds
ADD: Balance brought forward from 30/06/01			3,694,208
EQUALS: Estimated Working Funds as at 30/06/02			1,884,371
LESS: Minimum Desired Level of Working Funds			800,000
EQUALS: Surplus funds available for allocation			1,084,371

NOTE 1 – AUTHORISED VARIATIONS

This section deals with the budget variations that Council has authorised since the December Budget Review was adopted.

Council has authorised four budget variations since the December Budget Review, the details of which follow: **(Refer to Tabled Document for detailed information “BPA 1”)**

Description	Income	Expenditure	Impact on Council's Working Funds
Kings Bush Regeneration Project (Grant funded)	36,400	(36,400)	0
Camden Pool – Viability Study (Reserve Funded)	40,000	(40,000)	0
Library Resources (Grant Funded)	17,314	(17,314)	0
Christmas Bushfire Relief Fund (Mayoral Relief Fund)	1,000	(1,000)	0
TOTAL AUTHORISED VARIATIONS	94,714	(94,714)	0

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NOTE 2 – PROPOSED VARIATIONS

This section deals with proposed budget variations submitted by senior management for Council to consider.

These proposed adjustments are primarily based on **actual** income and expenditure trends to date or **forecast** variations to the budget based on information at hand.

The following table highlights significant proposed budget variations (greater than \$10,000) submitted by senior management and/or recommended for inclusion by the Finance Department. **(Refer to Tabled Document for detailed information “BPA 1”)**

Description	Income	Expenditure	Impact on Council’s Working Funds
Positive Proposed Variations			
Water Control System – Narellan Industrial Estate	0	294,339	294,339
Public Works Plant	115,000	65,000	180,000
Organisational Salaries	0	133,245	133,245
Parks – Contract Savings	0	114,000	114,000
Rates Income	100,000	0	100,000
Financial Assistance Grants	56,916	0	56,916
Interest on Investments	37,000	0	37,000
Development Applications	32,747	0	32,747
Archiving Fees – Development Applications	0	32,000	32,000
Advertising Expenses	0	30,000	30,000
Mowing – RTA Grant	0	29,364	29,364

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Description	Income	Expenditure	Impact on Council's Working Funds
General Manager's Consultants Allocation	0	25,000	25,000
Credit Card Charges	0	20,300	20,300
Traffic – Transport Consultancy	0	20,000	20,000
Environment Protection Notices	17,687	0	17,687
Section 603 Certificates	15,000	0	15,000
Emergency Services – SES Operational Savings	0	12,000	12,000
Roads Maintenance / Construction savings	0	11,510	11,510
Negative Proposed Variations			
Bushfire Centre Operations	0	(42,728)	(42,728)
Parks Vandalism	0	(20,000)	(20,000)
Civic Centre Operations	(104,303)	90,294	(14,009)
TOTAL PROPOSED VARIATIONS	270,047	814,324	1,084,371

NOTE 3 – CONTRA ADJUSTMENTS

This section deals with all offsetting adjustments between income and expenditure or a transfer of funds between allocations. These adjustments have NO impact on Council's Working Funds as both movements of income and expenditure are of equal value.

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Description	Total Revote	Council Funds	Other Funds
Harrington Park Lake 2 (S94)	300,000	0	300,000
Doncaster Avenue Carpark (S94)	250,000	0	250,000
Narellan Vale / Spring Farm – Plan of Mgmt	20,000	20,000	0
Skateboard Facility	25,600	25,600	0
Liquidamber Reserve – Irrigation (S94)	240,000	0	240,000
Noxious Weeds Control Plan (Grant)	26,800	0	26,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURE REVOTES	2,775,799	123,999	2,651,800

Recommended: That

The report headed 'Budget Review as at 31st March 2002' be received and noted.

Council approves the necessary budget adjustments as identified in the categories of 'Proposed Variations', 'Contra Adjustments' and 'Expenditure Revotes' of this report.

Council approves the proposal to transfer surplus funds of \$1,084,371 to the following Reserves

- Loan Reduction Reserve \$600,000
- Future Capital Works Reserve \$484,371

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

(i) The report headed 'Budget Review as at 31st March 2002' be received and noted.

(ii) Council approves the necessary budget adjustments as identified in the categories of 'Proposed Variations', 'Contra Adjustments' and 'Expenditure Revotes' of this report.

(iii) Council approves the proposal to transfer surplus funds of \$1,084,371 to the following Reserves

- Loan Reduction Reserve \$600,000
- Future Capital Works Reserve \$484,371

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4. Sustainability Indicators Scorecard

(Director – Governance & Outcomes)(File 4598)

Introduction

Camden is a place that engenders considerable emotion among the people that live here, be they long term residents or new arrivals. It has a character and even a mystique that makes it a desirable place in which to live, to visit and to invest. The local government area, not just the town, has an enviable reputation within the Sydney region and a high recognition factor elsewhere.

Just why this character and recognition have developed over time is a complex story. We do know that we like it here and others like to come here. The primary charter of Camden Council, therefore, is to protect and enhance that character for the future. In other words, we need to ensure that the elements that make Camden what it is are sustainable.

What is sustainability?

A sustainable community is a balanced one. A sustainable community resembles a living system in which all elements are interdependent and draw strength from one another. A sustainable community seeks a better quality of life for everyone – now and in the future – by creating supportive communities where there are adequate work, health and recreational opportunities; by protecting and enhancing the environment and by managing local resources to improve economic prosperity. Community sustainability – Camden’s sustainability – is about making life better and making sure it stays that way.

Typically, sustainability is considered to be based around the “three Es” of environment, economy and (social) equity.

How do we know we are approaching sustainability?

In order to promote the things that improve sustainability and do less of the things that detract from it, we need to understand it. In order to understand it we need to measure it. However because of the complex inter-relationships of many of the components of community sustainability we need to measure a whole suite of matters and draw some conclusions.

These types of sustainability indicators are starting to be developed in leading edge Councils in order to measure and report community sustainability.

What do we need to measure?

Recently a cross-organisational group of staff met to research, critique, develop and select a variety of indicators that it believed

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would reasonably measure Camden's sustainability. The outcome of that group's work is a collection of 19 "tests" that determine sustainability. As one example, we believe that Camden is sustainable if: *people feel safe*. That statement is one of the 19 tests. Allied to each of those tests is a small series of indicators (between 2 and 4) that go towards answering that test. There are 58 indicators in total. These will need to be measured on a regular basis, used to answer the test and reported to our community.

To continue with the community safety example used above, the 3 indicators of *Camden is sustainable if people feel safe* are:

- Percentage of people who feel safe in their community
- Level of crime per capita (against people and property)
- Number of accidents per capita (traffic, drowning, etc)

The first indicator will need to be sourced via a community survey while the second and third should be available from existing government and Council statistics. The first indicator has been designated the prime indicator and the others as supporting indicators. If we can report that more people feel safer this year than last year and that the number of accidents and crimes are lower per capita then the community safety indicator is positive and sustainability is more likely.

Many of the things we need to measure are already available and by taking a broad view of sustainability we may incorporate other reports that we already prepare. An example may be the existing State of the Environment report. The issues reported in that document may be served through a new Sustainability Scorecard.

A full list of the twenty sustainability tests is included as **Tabled Document "BPA 2"** and the draft indicators have been **provided separately to Councillors**.

Unlike other Councils developing indicators of this type, we have framed our measures as outcomes that can be clearly linked to Camden 2025. They will not be merely dry statistics.

How will we report to our community?

It is proposed that we will prepare and provide an A4 size "report card" document each year to our community outlining the trend for each of the twenty tests. This will show whether each of those indicators is moving positively, negatively or is static. Clearly, having a majority of the indicators heading in positive directions is the desired outcome for the community.

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A more substantial report will be released at the same time with the full range of indicators, graphic representations of the trends, details of the source material and discussion on the trends for each of the twenty tests.

Validating the work so far and engendering community ownership.

At this point, with the draft complete, we are interested in seeking an independent view of the validity of the tests and indicators chosen and participation in the project. To that end we will be calling for expressions of interest from the community to work with us in expanding on the work so far and broadening its role in the general community. Two councillors are also sought to work with our small team and the community representatives. In terms of the community representation, it is considered that those representatives might be drawn from the younger members of our community (perhaps senior high school students) as they represent the initial generation for which we aim to deliver sustainability. Further, youth are typically under represented in our community consultation processes despite the fact that 40% of our population is under 25 years of age. Naturally, the final draft will be presented to Council for adoption.

Conclusion.

The sustainability indicator project has been substantially commenced but now requires community validation and ownership in order for it to develop into a meaningful and useful tool for our community. By seeking two representatives from each of our high schools we hope to both test the validity of our assumptions and engender some ownership of the process with the generation of Camden residents which will benefit from improved sustainability.

Recommended: That Council

- (i) endorse the continuation of the sustainability indicators project
- (ii) nominate two councillors to participate in the project
- (iii) call for the nomination of two senior students from each high school in the area to participate in the project.

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

- (i) endorse the continuation of the sustainability indicators project*
- (ii) Council resolved participation in the project should be by the Mayor at the time and two (2) Councillors, being Cr Campbell and Cr Batros.*
- (iii) call for the nomination of two senior students from each high school in the area to participate in the project.*
- (iv) Advertise for participation in the project by two (2) interested Community members.*

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

5. Harrington Park Water Quality and Flood Management System – Stage 1

(File 3638/6) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose of the Report

This report is to notify Council of proposed works to be carried out on Narellan Creek at Harrington Park, which is to be funded by Section 94 Contributions Plan N°3 (CP 3). The proposed work is the first stage of the Harrington Park Water Quality and Flood Management System.

The Site

The site is located on Narellan Creek within Harrington Park, between Harrington Parkway and The Northern Road. The site and works was originally identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Upper Narellan Creek Water Quality Management System commissioned by Council and undertaken by consultants SMEC Australia.

The EIS identified a series of interconnected lakes, linear wetlands and gross pollutant traps to mitigate the effects of urban development. Overall works extend from Camden Valley Way to The Northern Road. Together they form part of a system of measures to address water quality for the Upper Narellan Creek Release Area and provide flood mitigation measures. The overall system is presented at **Tabled Document “BPA 3”**.

Works to be Undertaken

Council commissioned the detailed design for the site in 1998. The design incorporated the intent of the EIS and the results of a mediation process involving Council, Taylor Woodrow, EPA, and DLWC. These works are identified in Council’s Section 94 Contribution Plan No.3 (CP3). The design provides a water quality function and flood mitigation as well as protecting and enhancing the riparian corridor along Narellan Creek.

The works will positively contribute to the water quality of both Narellan Creek as well as the receiving waters of the Nepean River. There is also the opportunity to improve the biodiversity along Narellan Creek with the (re)establishment of wetland and riparian areas.

The scope of the works is such that the overall project is to be staged. The stage currently to be undertaken is stage 1. It consists of 4 lakes between Harrington Parkway and The Northern

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Road, various drainage works, a pumping facility, wetland planting and various riparian zone planting.

A significant feature of Stage 1 is the reconfiguration of the existing lake in Harrington Park to provide greater capacity for treatment of flows. This will entail establishment of shallow wetland areas.

A plan showing the scope of the proposed work is attached.
(Tabled Document “BPA 4”).

Council has collected developer contributions a part of CP3 to undertake the proposed work.

The design process involved liaison with the state Government agencies and Taylor Woodrow to incorporate the intent and goals of the individual parties and the mediated decision. Numerous changes have been accommodated where the integrity to the outcome has not significantly been compromised.

Representatives of the adjoining development, Harpak Developments (previously Taylor Woodrow) have recently approached Council to further review the design. Council has again looked at the intent of the mediated ruling, the original concept design, and the design process and sought technical confirmation of the proposal. It is considered that the design remains appropriate.

An additional concern expressed by the developer queried the considerable exposure of risk for Council in contractors being able to complete the project. Contractors submitting tenders during the tender process are aware of the associated risks with projects of this type and have made suitable allowances in their submissions.

Community Consultation

Further concerns were expressed regarding the level of community involvement. In this regard Council undertook two (2) community information sessions at Harrington Park Community Centre to notify residents of the project. Following concerns expressed during these sessions a further evening session was held to present information to the residents. As a result of these sessions a number of issues were raised. These are presented as **Tabled Document “BPA 5”**.

A dominant theme expressed by the residents indicated the loss of visual amenity of Lake 3A created by the open water views. Options B, C and D attempt to address this situation.

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Options

In response to community concerns, notably in relation to works within the existing lake (Lake 3A), a number of options were considered:

- A. Proceed as per existing design;
- B. Proceed as per existing design with submergent macrophytes;
- C. Proceed as per existing design with a variety of emergent and submergent macrophytes;
- D. Proceed as per existing design with macrophyte planting in Lake 3A being replaced with a wetland downstream of Northern Road.

Option A (Original design)

Option A involves proceeding with the existing design. This is generally described above. It is a result of an EIS, mediation and approval process.

A significant feature of this option utilises the excavated material from the upstream wetlands of this stage to fill in part of the existing lake to provide reed beds. This provides an optimal situation where the excavated material is close to balanced with the fill material required to create the reed beds over approximately 30% of the existing lake.

Council has advertised for tenders based on the current design. The selection process was placed 'on hold' to address concerns expressed by the local community. Further delays or change in scope may require that the project be readvertised.

Option B (Existing design with submergent macrophytes)

This option replaces the emergent macrophytes proposed as part of Option A with shorter and/or submergent macrophytes. Short macrophytes would grow to say less than a metre above the water surface with submergent reeds growing to a height just below, or at the surface level. The overall on-site works would be similar to the original design, however there would be a considerable amount of redesign of the macrophyte planting, and a review of the management and operation manual required.

The cost of replacing emergent macrophytes with submergent species will vary the cost of the project. Possible increases in costs are associated wetland redesign, revised management of the macrophytes, increased cost of plants requiring propagation,

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delays in construction and associated increase in cost, and increased maintenance.

Indicative cost associated with the redesign would be **\$25 000** (excl GST).

It should be noted that some species of submergent macrophytes may become dominant and require considerable maintenance. Failure to control this issue may lead to widespread colonising and/or dislodgment of the reeds similar to that, which was evident at Penrith Lakes Rowing Centre.

The scope and timing of the works are such that this stage of the project would require to be redesigned and subsequently readvertised.

Option C (Existing design with emergent and submergent macrophytes)

As with option B, this solution attempts to improve, enhance and maintain the visual amenity while still providing water quality objectives. It provides significant areas of short and submergent macrophytes to create an expanded open view beyond that achieved in the original design (Option A).

This solution requires significant redesign to ensure both hydraulic and water quality objectives are met. The redesign would be as outlined for option B with considerable revised documentation required. Possible revised layout is detailed on **Tabled Document “BPA 6”**. Redesign cost would be approximately **\$35,000**. Additional construction costs would be associated with the various alternate species required and their sourcing, as well as delays in construction and increased maintenance required.

Design and maintenance would be critical to ensure that associated problems with submergent macrophytes are prevented.

The scope and timing of the works are such that this stage of the project would require to be redesigned and subsequently readvertised.

Option D (Existing design with a wetland downstream of The Northern Road replacing the macrophyte planting in Lake 3A)

Option D involves creating an additional wetland downstream of Northern Road in lieu of macrophyte planting in Lake 3A. This project entails replacing the proposed wetland plants with an

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equivalent area and undertaking limited works in Lake 3A, principally around the edge. The upstream work would continue as designed. (The approximate location of additional lake is detailed on **Tabled Document “BPA 7”**).

The location proposed for the additional wetland is on land owned by Dandeloo situated just downstream of The Northern Road. The land has been offered to Council by Dandeloo to facilitate this option.

This option would require redesign to achieve the functions originally proposed for Lake 3A. In addition, the design would be sized to incorporate a stormwater management facility proposed to be located downstream of Narellan Industrial area. The cost of undertaking such a redesign and investigation would be approximately **\$50,000**.

The alternate design has significant construction implications that affect the cost of the project. Reducing the scope of the work in Lake 3A would require that the excavated material from the upstream works would need to be carted by road trucks through residential streets to a disposal site. This activity is costly and limits the savings of not filling Lake 3A. Some works would still be required in Lake 3A in order to protect this edge along the lake edge.

Works required to construct the additional wetland, including provision for Narellan Industrial Area is estimated at **\$1,300,000**. An amount of **\$294,000** has been set aside within the current budget for the Narellan Industrial Area water management system, this work is on hold subject to the outcome of this project.

The scope and timing of the works are such that this stage of the project may require investigation, preliminary design, statutory approvals, detailed design and construction.

Approval Process

Currently a Development Consent exists that permits Council to proceed with the existing design subject to obtaining a Construction Certificate. Again consent and subsequent redesign were subject to interagency mediation process that included Council, The Department of Land and Water Conservation, Environmental Protection Authority and Taylor Woodrow. Option D deviates sufficiently from the original proposal as new approvals for the project would be required involving interagency input. This would significantly add to the delay in providing water quality

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facility to Narellan Creek, and significantly add to the development and investigation costs typically **\$30,000**.

Funding

Funding of options A, B and C are still within the budget for this project based on the value of the current tenders required for the original design works.

Sourcing of additional funds to support Option D may be allocated from Section 94 Contribution CP3 at the expense of other stormwater management facilities, by general revenue, grant funding or special rates.

Tender Process

Council undertook a tender process in late 2001 in anticipation of the project proceeding. Tenders originally closed 21 December 2001.

A selection process was withheld pending the outcome of the ensuing consultation. Further delays and changes in the scope will require readvertising the project.

Conclusion

This report presents the various options available to Council to proceed with Stage 1 of the Water Quality Management System for Harrington Park. The following summarises the cost implication:

Table 1: Approximate Cost Implication (\$)

	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Capital Cost	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,950,000
Maintenance (per annum)	90,000	In the order of \$100,000	In the order of \$95,000	In the order of \$120,000
Investigation	-	-	-	30,000
Design cost	-	30,000	40,000	50,000

Consideration of the environmental goals and concerns expressed by the community identifies that an optimum solution to address social, environmental and economic issues are not always readily obvious. From community feedback and considering the environmental goals to be achieved within reasonable economic means it would appear that Option C best addresses numerous concerns presented by those adjoining the system while still achieving environmental goals.

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The funding of Option C is still within the budget for the (Lake 3) project (based on the current tenders received for the original works).

A process requiring a redesign brief, commission of design contract, community input process and construction contract would be required to proceed. The outcome of this process will be considered in the development and documentation of the further upstream stages.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council not proceed with current Stage 1 works for Lake 3A to 3D.
- (ii) Tenderers submitting tenders for Stage 1 works be notified that the project is subject to review.
- (iii) Council proceeds with Option C with a design brief prepared accordingly.

MOTION

Moved Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) *further consideration of this item be deferred pending a public Workshop to be held on Monday 13th May at 8pm.*
- (ii) *notification of the Workshop be given to the residents in the surrounding area.*
- (iii) *An independent costing of Option D be sought.*

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6. Funding Exchange of Construction Project

(File 3968) [Director Works and Services]

This report proposes the exchange of a construction project currently on Council's construction program for projects projected to be approved within Council Works and Services 2002/2003 budget, due to circumstances which delay or impact upon the currently approved works.

Byron Road

Difficulties in achieving the required rezoning of Byron Road, through Pat Kontista Reserve, to Operational land; and the uncertainty of the State Government's proposal for development in the northern ward suggest the exchange of project to permit the expenditure of these budgeted funds. It is therefore proposed to:

Current Project		Replacement Projects		
Defer construction of Byron Road (construction and traffic facilities)	\$108,900	Asphalt sheeting Broughton Street	\$34,000	
		John Street		
			\$35,000	\$69,000
			\$69,000	
		Bitumen Reseals	\$39,900	
	\$108,900		\$108,900	

Comment

Bringing forward projects from the 2002/2003 budget and deferring current approved works ensures the aims of Council budget are fulfilled and accommodates scheduling and processing difficulties with these projects

Recommended: That Council approves bringing forward asphalt resheeting and bitumen resealing projects (noted), and deferring the Byron Road project at a budget of \$108,900.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr McFadden that Council approves bringing forward asphalt resheeting and bitumen resealing projects (noted), and deferring the Byron Road project at a budget of \$108,900.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

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**7. National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance
Committee (NAIDOC) Week 7 - 14 July 2002**

(File TC/1640) [Director Works and Services]

Purpose

This report seeks Council support for an event to be held during NAIDOC Week (July 7-14) which aims to develop greater relations and communication between Council and the indigenous members of the Camden community.

Background

At the 1996 census, 347 residents of the Camden LGA stated that they were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI).

As stated in the 1999 Social Plan, Council has played a limited role in wider national issues facing indigenous people, and apart from the recent decision to fly the Aboriginal flag in Council meetings, has not adopted formal policies and statements in regard to indigenous issues.

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week is held annually to celebrate and recognise indigenous people and their heritage, and to bring issues of concern to the attention of Governments and the community as a whole. The activities and events of NAIDOC week aim to demonstrate the ideal of an inclusive but diverse nation.

Discussion

The community development objective of the 2025 Strategic Plan is:

“To provide opportunities for all Camden residents to embrace Camden’s culture and sense of community by:

- *promoting a variety of lifestyle options*
- *improving the well-being of the community by ensuring access to a wide range of facilities and services*
- *recognising and supporting cultural diversity”*

Further, Council’s Community Plan 1999, in the section on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People states that:

“Council has the opportunity to have a leadership role in ensuring access and equity for all community groups and by the promotion of a greater understanding of cultural awareness.”

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NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity for Council to make contact with the local ATSI community, and begin a process of developing a relationship of trust and participation. It will also allow the collaborative development of strategies on how the ATSI community of Camden wants to be consulted by Council and more fully included in its decision-making processes and provision of services.

For this to take place, it is proposed that Council hold an event during NAIDOC week, for example a breakfast, in which a facilitated discussion takes place to share ideas, develop strategies, and improve the links between Council and the local ATSI community. This event would act as a springboard for greater recognition of the ATSI members of this community, both their heritage and culture, and their specific issues of concern. The development of an Aboriginal Advisory Group may be one strategy to come out of the discussions on the day.

Consultation

This proposal has been discussed with the Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the Macarthur region, who is very interested in being part of this process. She indicated that there are a number of ATSI people in the Camden area who are keen to develop links with Council, and be consulted on ATSI issues in the community.

Policy Implications

As previously mentioned, Council has no formal policies or statements in regard to indigenous issues. This proposal has the potential for the future development of policies and statements, in conjunction with the ATSI community members.

The development of working links with the ATSI community will also provide greater opportunity for Council to work in partnership on such projects as the revision and updating of the Community Plan.

Communications Strategy

It is proposed that invitations will be issued to the local ATSI community through the contacts of the Macarthur Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

In addition the event will be advertised through the local press. A press release to promote the event will also be co-ordinated through Council's Community Relations officer.

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Conclusion

NAIDOC Week is a national event to celebrate and recognise indigenous people and their heritage, and to bring issues of concern to the attention of Governments and the community as a whole.

The proposed event will bring Council and the local ATSI community together to begin a process of developing greater links and communication, and the cooperative development of strategies to see that this is achieved more fully in the future.

Recommended: That Council host an event during NAIDOC Week (July 7-14) to make contact with local ATSI people, and begin the process of developing strategies to establish and strengthen relations and communication between Council and the ATSI community of Camden.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Batros that Council host an event during NAIDOC Week (July 7-14) to make contact with local ATSI people, and begin the process of developing strategies to establish and strengthen relations and communication between Council and the ATSI community of Camden.

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7. 355 Management Committees
(File 3811/1) [Director Works and Services]

Purpose

This report advises Council of the findings and actions arising from the Probity Audit into Council's 355 Management Committees. This report also highlights issues in relation to the management of Council's facilities.

Background

Under Section 377 of the Local Government Act 1993 Council is able to delegate responsibility for care, control and management of facilities and functions to voluntary community management committees, commonly referred to as Section 355 Committees. Camden Council has taken this option to delegate a range of functions. These functions include the management of community facilities, festivals and programs such as the Camden International Friendship Association to such community management committees.

Council currently has nine (9) voluntary 355 management committees. These are set out below:

- Bicentennial Park;
- Narellan Community Hall;
- Harrington Park Community Centre;
- Catherine Field Community Hall and Tennis Courts;
- Leppington Oval and Tennis Courts;
- Camden Senior Citizens;
- Camden Youth Centre;
- Camden International Friendship Association; and
- Australia Day Committee.

Until 2000, 355 Management Committees managed all of Council's community facilities. In 2000 the Currans Hill and Mount Annan 355 Management Committees resigned with responsibility for the management of the Mount Annan Community Cottage, Currans Hill Community Centre, Jack Nash Clubrooms and Tennis courts and Birriwa Clubrooms and Tennis courts reverting back to direct Council management.

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Discussion

1. Outcome from the Probity Audit of Council's 355 Management Committees

In 2001 Council engaged independent auditor, Gary Clarke, to undertake a probity audit of Council's 355 management committees. The purpose of this audit was to assist in ensuring that the processes of the Committees complied with good practice standards. This included minimising the risk of unethical practice and corrupt conduct; and assisting to improve practices if necessary. The audit process included:

- review of Council documentation and processes;
- interviews with key Council officers;
- meetings with representatives of the 355 management committees to discuss the committees activities; review procedures and practices; inspect all official records; and
- consultation with committees on the final draft report.

All 355 Committees who were subject to the probity audit have received a copy of the findings in relation to the operations of their own Committee. Where necessary Council Officers have worked with the Committees to address any issues contained in the report. The probity audit also made a number of general recommendations in relation to the conduct of the Committees and the level of guidance and support to be provided by Council.

The key recommendations requiring action are set out below:

Action 1: That Council confirms whether membership of the current Section 355 Committees have been by official appointment via Council resolution during this term of Council.

At its meeting in September 1999, following the election of the new Council, the following 355 Management Committees were appointed by Council:

- Harrington Park Community Centre;
- Currans Hill Community Centre and Jack Nash Reserve Clubrooms;
- Mount Annan Cottage and Birriwa Reserve Clubrooms;
- Narellan Community Hall;
- Catherine Field Community Hall and Tennis Courts; and
- RSL Youth Hall.

At its meeting held on 24 September 2001, Council resolved to *'confirm the Standing Committees and review*

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representation on internal and external committees". At this time Councillor representatives were endorsed.

In order to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act, Council is required to formally resolve to appoint the following nominated people to the endorsed 355 Community Management Committees:

Australia Day Committee 355 Community Management Committee (meets from July monthly)

Representation

Roslyn Tildsley
Betty Broadstock
Richard Sams
Maryke Archbald-Hessian
Neidra Hill
Doug Ferris
Greg Glasgow
Cr Campbell
Cr Anderson (alternate)

Bicentennial Park 355 Community Management Committee

Representation

Cr Campbell
Jenny Frankum
Ray Moore
David Head (alt. Ken Sharpe)
Elva Plantos
John Vallance
Keith Parrish
Jack Allan
Annette Arony
Greg Bray

Camden International Friendship Assoc 355 Community Management Committee

Representation

Ken Newton
Noreen Newton
Ross Newport
Ann Steneke
Bill Yeo
Brian Hawkins
Jackie Kane
Cr Senise
Cr Corrigan (alternate)

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**Catherine Field Hall and Tennis Courts 355 Community
Management Committee**

Representation

Evelyn Winnan
Kathy Van Bueren
George Wheatley
Fran Jemison
Greg French
George Winnan
Arnold Miedema
Cr Fekete

**Leppington Oval & Tennis Courts 355 Community
Management Committee**

Representation

Silvano Frassetto
Eric Fuchs
Marissa Martignago
Ivan Favretti
Ray Northey
Maureen Kennedy
Dorothy Jones
Mark Behringer
Cr Fekete

**Narellan Community Hall 355 Community Management
Committee**

Representation

Warwick Millard
Paul Brown
Mary Millard
Jack Wallace
Carmel Swan
Margaret Brown
Cr Batros
Cr Campbell (alternate)

Action 2: Clarify the purpose of and the delegations to Council's
355 Management Committees

The Probity Audit highlighted the need to have a clear purpose and level of delegation for each Committee. In response to this a Deed of Delegation has been developed. The Deed is a formal schedule that sets out the members of the Committee endorsed by Council and the specific delegations provided. Details of the Committee's delegation are set out in two appendices within the Manual (see Action 3 below) and provided within the draft manual.

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- (a) Schedule of Delegation
- (b) Camden Council 355 Management Committee Manual

A copy of the draft manual will be circulated to all Councillors.

Action 3: That a manual be provided, adopted by Council and issued to all committees in conjunction with an appropriate information forum, to clearly establish Council's legal requirements, support role and probity framework.

Council's probity auditor has considered the document and believes it satisfies the requirements of his recommendation.

A Manual has been developed in line with this recommendation and is contained in the Manual. The Manual clearly sets out the responsibilities and accountability requirements of both Council and the Committee.

An information session will be held with Council's 355 Management Committees to ensure that Committee members are fully aware of their responsibilities and the level of delegation that Council has provided.

Quarterly forums will be held with representatives of the 355 Committees to provide up to date information and to discuss or clarify issues as they arise.

2. Harrington Park 355 Management Committee

Council's Manager, Community Services attended a meeting of the Harrington Park 355 Management Committee on Thursday 21 March 2002 to discuss the activities and issues concerning the management of the Centre. The 355 Committee have indicated that they are unable to continue to manage the centre, under the current arrangements. The Committee is currently considering its options. At the time of writing this report written advice had not been received from the Committee as to which option they wish to pursue.

3. Future management arrangements for Council's Community Facilities

The level of accountability for Council and delegated Committees of Council has increased dramatically in the last few years. This is as a result of the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax; child protection legislation; insurance and risk management requirements. This has proven to be a burden on the traditional

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355 voluntary community management committees delegated with the responsibility of managing community facilities.

The increased level of accountability, combined with the changing demographics of the area, has meant that the traditional 355 community management model is no longer sustainable in some areas. This appears to be the case particularly in the newly established areas, which are characterised by families with two parents working and young children.

Since 2000 Council has assumed the management of the Mount Annan Community Cottage, Currans Hill Community Centre, Jack Nash and Birriwa Club Rooms. This has led to the need to review the way in which Council's community facilities are managed.

Community halls and centres provide a valuable resource for the local community. They provide a venue to meet, socialise, and access information and services, thereby reducing social isolation and building social capital.

Community facilities need to be managed in a manner that encourages community participation, provides equitable access and provides effective customer service. How this is achieved will vary between places and locations as well as between the type of facility.

In Camden it appears that a mix of models is required for the management of Council's community facilities. This includes the:

- a) support and maintenance of the voluntary 355 Management Committee model, where there is a viable and appropriate committee in place;
- b) direct management of facilities by Council with appropriate community participation in the development and future directions of the facility; and
- c) entering into licence arrangements with groups for single and / or specific use facilities.

Council's community facilities can be categorised into 2 types:

1. General use community facilities that are used by disparate groups who have no connection other than they require a space.

These facilities are used by a variety of groups from playgroups, plant societies, environmental groups, dance classes as well as social gatherings such as birthday parties and christenings.

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These facilities are currently managed between the 355 Committee management model and management directly by Council.

2. Specific use facilities used by a single group or by a few groups with a common focus, for example activities for older people. These facilities are intrinsically about the connection between people and focussing on a cause.

The Camden Local Youth Group (CLYG) and Senior Citizens Centre are two examples of such a facility.

355 Management Committees currently manage these facilities. However, given the specific nature of usage, it is proposed that Council officers undertake further negotiations with both Committees to gauge interest in continuing as a 355 Management Committee or entering into a licence agreement, similar to that developed for the Camden RSL Youth Club.

Financial implications

The draft 2002/2003 budget proposes a part time (25 hours per week) facilities co ordinator, for an initial period of 12 months. This position will be responsible for managing Council's community facilities and tennis courts; providing on going support and advice to the remaining 355 Management Committees and undertaking policy work to ensure that Council's facilities are meeting community needs.

Conclusion

The growth in the number of facilities, the increase in accountability and administrative requirements and the changes in our community's composition means that the traditional 355 Management Committee model is no longer the most sustainable way to manage our community's facilities.

The remaining 355 Community Management committees will continue to be supported. The implementation of the actions arising from the probity Audit will ensure that Council's remaining 355 voluntary management committees are appropriately supported and informed, with clear guidelines and delegations in place.

The landscape of the Camden local government area is changing and evolving. As this happens it is important that mechanisms

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are established to ensure that the facilities remain relevant, responsive and accessible to the local community and that the structures in place continue to allow people to participate and contribute to community life.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council endorse the appointment of the above mentioned members and to the Catherine Field, Narellan, Camden International Friendship Association, Leppington Oval, Australia Day and Bicentennial Park Section 355 Committees;
- (ii) Council approve the delegations for the Harrington Park, Catherine Field, Narellan, Camden International Friendship Association, Leppington Oval, Australia Day and Bicentennial Park Section 355 Committees as set out in the draft manual;
- (iii) Council adopt the 355 Management Committee Manual
- (iv) A further report is presented to Council on future arrangements with the Camden Senior Citizens Centre and the Camden Local Youth Group following negotiation with both committees.

MOTION

Moved Cr Batros, seconded Cr Campbell that

- (i) *Council endorse the appointment with the exception of Australia Day and Bicentennial Park of the above mentioned members and to the Catherine Field, Narellan, Camden International Friendship Association and Leppington Oval Section 355 Committees.*
- (ii) *Council approve the delegations with the exception of Australia Day and Bicentennial Park for the Harrington Park, Catherine Field, Narellan, Camden International Friendship Association and Leppington Oval Section 355 Committees as set out in the draft manual*
- (iii) *The adoption of the 355 Management Committee Manual be deferred to the next meeting*
- (iv) *A further report is presented to Council on future arrangements with the Camden Senior Citizens Centre and the Camden Local Youth Group following negotiation with both committees.*
- (v) *Australia Day and Bicentennial Park Section 355 Committees submit membership for endorsement on letterhead to the next meeting.*

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9. Camden Town Centre Multi-Storey Carpark Feasibility Study

(File 4157) [Director, Works & Services]

Purpose of Report

This report presents Council with the outcomes of a recently completed feasibility study of a multi-storey carpark within the Camden town centre. A copy of the feasibility study will be made available to Councillors separately.

Background

At the meeting of 24 July 2000, Council considered a report, which detailed a revised carparking strategy for the Camden town centre.

This report identified several management options, including a multi-storey carpark, which collectively aimed to address the parking provisions within the Camden town centre both now and into the future. Being aware of several other more cost effective options, it was considered in terms of a multi-storey carpark, that;

If the foregoing options are pursued, it is not considered that a multi storey car park is required in the short term. Pursuit of such a facility in the short term is clearly not considered to be a cost effective strategy for realising the parking outcome.

Longer term a multi storey car park may be required and could be used to satisfy demand from patrons as well as employers/ees. The siting of such a facility would need to be further evaluated having regard to recent trends and the evolution of the working country town fringe and fostering of an embellished civic precinct. Indeed Larkin Place appears to be the preferred location for a multi storey car park based on a recent survey of usage. Larkin Place is also more central to the Camden CBD and the site offers lower construction costs and could readily blend with surrounding development.

It is not recommended that action occur in respect of a multi storey carpark in the short term given the foregoing. However, it is felt that a comprehensive feasibility study that assesses

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need, location, timing and management of such a facility is appropriate.

As a result, funding for the feasibility study of a multi storey carpark for the Camden town centre was included within the 2001/2002 budget.

Multi-Storey Carpark Feasibility Study

Council engaged Halliburton KBR Pty Ltd to undertake the above mentioned feasibility study, which included a review of previous reports and of the predicted parking demand, together with an analysis of the business and shopper survey undertaken in December 2001. The study proceeded to assess several options and provided recommendations on timing, location and funding for such a facility.

Business and Shopper Survey

In December 2001, Council engaged a consultancy to undertake a comprehensive business and shopper survey throughout the Camden town centre seeking their views on parking; in particular the issue of a multi-storey carpark. The results of the survey form a basis for the Feasibility Study and are presented as Appendix B of the study.

The results obtained from the business survey revealed lack of management of all day parking as an issue and that shoppers found parking to be increasingly difficult. However the relative priority of Council spending \$3 million on a multi-storey carpark was far from conclusive. A number of respondents who saw parking as a major problem were not prepared to say that a multi-storey carpark should therefore represent a major priority for Council.

The results obtained from the shopper survey revealed that although the availability of convenient parking was a concern, the concept of a multi-storey carpark was not looked upon favourable. This was highlighted by the concern over impacts on heritage values and character of the Camden area, together with general safety concerns associated with such complexes.

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Results of the Feasibility Study

Timeframe

The report concluded that *“There will be a need for the Town Centre to provide additional parking capacity to accommodate predicted future growth in parking demand at a rate of approximately +1.8% (33 additional spaces each year from the year 2001”*. The report further concludes *“However, in the future, some larger retail or commercial developments are likely to occur in the town centre which provide their own on-site parking. This additional parking would effectively form part of the general increase predicted above and would not therefore need to be provided by Council”*.

When considering that approximately 33% of Camden town centre parking supply has historically been located in private retail or commercial developments, the report recommends that Council plans to provide +22 spaces approximately each year.

The report concludes *“In the context of the future likely need for an additional 22 public car parking spaces to be provided by Council each year, the identified facilities (Revised Camden Town Centre Carparking Strategy 2000) would meet predicted additional demand in the Camden Town Centre for a future period of approximately 5-7 years from the year 2001”*. The report further concludes that should growth be less than predicted then *“the length of this period would increase to over 10 years before a multi-level car park was required at Camden”*.

It is important to note that the *“Revised Camden Town Centre Carparking Strategy (2000)”* assumed the creation of an additional 50 spaces within Onslow Park adjacent to the Camden Swimming Pool at an estimated cost of \$120,000. Detailed engineering drawings are being finalised and in fact reveal that Council will be creating an additional 73 carparking spaces in the area adjacent to the pool and a further 19 spaces adjoining the existing carpark opposite the Onslow Rotunda. The increased total of 92 spaces will be constructed within the allocated budget and exceeds the desired per annum increase; accordingly this increases and extends the production of carpark spaces within Camden. It is considered appropriate therefore to conclude that the multi-storey carpark warrant timeframe predicted within the feasibility study will correspondingly be increased.

Location

Based on a multi-criteria assessment which included potential utilisation, size, visual and heritage impacts, ease of construction, safety and security, the study favours the Larkin Place site.

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Financial Implications

The feasibility study investigated several options for funding of a future multi-storey carpark within Camden. These included direct revenue from carparking operations, existing and potential S94 funds, shadow revenue (including parking meters), special rate levy, Council loans and a joint venture with private enterprise.

As identified within the Council report of 24 July 2000, *“Just how the funding strategy is to be determined, and how the mix is managed, should be the result of a working partnership between Council and the business community”*.

Conclusion

The results of the shopper survey revealed that although the availability of convenient parking was a concern, the concept of a multi-storey carpark was not looked upon favourably by those surveyed. In addition, a number of respondents to the business survey who saw parking as a major problem, were not prepared to say that a multi-storey carpark should therefore represent a major priority for Council.

The feasibility study identifies Larkin Place as the preferred location for the development of a multi-storey carpark, however the predicted demand horizon to justify the implementation of such a facility is approximately 7-10 years from now.

This does however require the pursuit and implementation of the Revised Camden Town Centre Carparking Strategy 2000, otherwise the predicted timeframe will be compromised.

It is considered that the results of the study should be noted and the effects which dictate the changes in demand on carparking within Camden be regularly monitored. No further action shall be undertaken on the development of a multi-storey carpark within Camden at this time.

Recommended: That

- i) Council note the Camden Town Centre Multi-Storey Carpark Feasibility Study (March 2002);
- ii) A copy of the feasibility study be made available to the Camden Chamber of Commerce; and
- iii) A copy of the feasibility study be placed in each of the libraries for public interest.

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

- i) Council note the Camden Town Centre Multi-Storey Carpark Feasibility Study (March 2002);*
- ii) A copy of the feasibility study be made available to the Camden Chamber of Commerce; and*
- iii) A copy of the feasibility study be placed in each of the libraries for public interest.*
- iv) A detailed costing to Council of the proposed 2 storey carpark in Larkin Place.*

041/02

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

(Cr Campbell and Cr Fekete voted against the Motion).

Delegated Committees

Development Committee Meeting - Held 25 March 2002

Development Committee Meeting – Held 8 April 2002

Resources & Services Committee Meeting – Held 8 April 2002

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

042/02

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

Other Committees

Traffic Committee Meeting – Held 8 April 2002

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Fekete, that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and the recommendations adopted.

043/02

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Lower Hawkesbury Nepean

(TC/3573)

Cr Batros enquired if there will be a report to Council on the response to the catchment blueprint of the Lower Hawkesbury Nepean.

The Manager Outcomes advised staff are working on the report and on completion will bring to Council.

Air Quality – Camden

(TC/1850)

Cr Batros enquired if there would be a report of the status of increased monitoring of the air quality in Camden and of Council's lobbying of the State Government.

The Director Development & Environment replied there would be a report to Council.

Bringelly Development Strategy

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Cr Batros enquired if Council was going to develop a strategy regarding Bringelly in the lead up to the State elections in March 2003.

The General Manager informed Council was opposed to the development and was waiting for PlanningNSW advice.

The Mayor suggested that a Notice of Motion be submitted if Cr Batros wished the matter placed on Council's agenda.

Spring Farm Sub-Studies

(TC/4224)

Cr Batros enquired after the progress of the planning sub-studies for Spring Farm.

The Manager Outcomes informed they would be ready within the next two months.

Bus Services – Bringelly Road

(TC/580)

Cr Batros enquired if the Traffic Committee was investigating the bus situation outside Rossmore School on Bringelly Rd

The Director Works & Services confirmed this would be investigated.

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Opening Camden Hospital

(PF5400.480)

Cr Winn asked if the date for the official opening for Camden Hospital was known.

The Mayor answered it was not.

Traffic Lights – Camden Valley Way/Smeaton Grange

(TC/3288)

Cr Winn enquired when the lights on the corner of Camden Valley Way and Smeaton Grange would be operable.

Director Development & Environment answered over the next one or two months.

Opening Mount Annan Aquatic Centre

(TC/4140)

Cr Winn asked when the official opening for Mount Annan Aquatic Centre was to be held.

The Director Works & Services answered no date had been set and it was likely to be some time, due to contractual issues.

Graffiti Removal

(TC/4149)

Cr Campbell enquired if graffiti removal substances were available free of charge to those continually affected such as the Narellan Vale Neighbour Centre and if not could the possibility be looked into of an amount becoming a permanent budget item.

The Director Works & Services answered the possibility of supplying the substances free of charge will be investigated and a report brought back to Council.

Footpath Concerns – Old Hume Highway, Camden

(TC/817)

Cr Campbell has received concerns from residents regarding the state of the old Shell site and related footpath area on the Old Hume Highway, Camden and enquired if this could be investigated by Council.

The Director Works & Services confirmed it will be investigated.

Footpath Concerns – Cawdor Road, Camden

(TC/3481)

Cr Campbell asked if the footpath along Cawdor Road from Barsden Street to Murray Street could be inspected as it seemed to be a danger due to overhang.

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The Director Works & Services advised it will be investigated and repaired.

Polo Cross Event – Bicentennial Equestrian Park

(PF1500.660)

Cr Campbell wished to bring attention to the recent successful major state event held at Bicentennial Park. It comprised of 26 different Polo Cross teams competing from Australia wide and included one team from overseas, Canada.

Traffic Lights – Narellan Road

(TC/3097)

Cr Anderson enquired when the lights being constructed on Narellan Road near the Mount Annan Drive round-a-bout would be operable.

The Director Development & Environment informed the work is being completed by the Christian Life Centre so operation date is in their hands.

Traffic Studies – Mount Annan Drive

(TC/3867)

Cr Anderson enquired if traffic studies were completed to ascertain the effect on the flow of traffic coming from Mount Annan Drive.

The Director Works & Services informed the lights were approved by the owners of Narellan Road, the Road & Traffic Authority, and as far as he was aware the lights were an appropriate distance from round-a-bout.

Speed Concerns – Narellan Road

(TC/3097)

Cr Anderson enquired if the speed along Narellan Road outside the Christian Life Centre would be lowered to 40kph once the school and retirement village were completed.

The Director Works & Services informed as far as he was aware there had been discussions between the Road & Traffic Authority and Camden and Campbelltown Councils and there were no immediate plans to alter the speed.

The Meeting closed at 10pm.