

**MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD 8 APRIL, 2002, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET
CAMDEN**

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Present: Cr S Winn (Deputy Mayor/Chairperson), Cr G Corrigan, Cr B Batros, Cr S Fekete, Cr N McFadden, Cr F Anderson. Cr S Senise arrived at 5.40pm during discussion Item 2. Cr E Campbell arrived at 5.45pm during discussion Item 3.

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

Apology: An apology was received from Cr C Patterson from this meeting.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Anderson that leave of absence be granted to Cr Patterson for this meeting.

RS012/02 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

1. Investment Monies: Period ended, 28th February, 2002

(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 28th February, 2002, is provided as **Tabled Document "RS 1"**.

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 4.34% and during the month of February, 2002, the average return on all investments both call and term was 4.31%.

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 28th February, 2002 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 4.31% for the month of February, 2002, be noted.

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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 made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.*
- (ii) The list of investments as at 28th February, 2002 be noted.*
- (iii) The interest rate return of 4.31% for the month of February, 2002, be noted.*

RS013/02 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

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2. Alcohol Free Zones

(3228A/3) (Director Governance & Outcomes)

At its meeting of 10 December 2001 Council resolved to exhibit a proposal to re-establish the 'alcohol free zones' in the central business districts of Camden and Narellan.

As a result of that exhibition one submission was received from the Licensing branch of the local area Police Command indicating no objection from the Police. There were no submissions from the local licensees or Chambers of Commerce who received direct advice of the exhibition, nor did any member of the community make a submission to the generally advertised exhibition.

Therefore it would be appropriate to formally re-establish the current alcohol free zones and to amend any necessary signage.

Recommended: That the existing 'alcohol free zones' in the Camden and Narellan central business districts be re-established for a further period of 3 years from the 1 March, 2002.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Fekete that the existing 'alcohol free zones' in the Camden and Narellan central business districts be re-established for a further period of 3 years from the 1 March, 2002.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

(Cr Senise & Cr McFadden voted against the Motion).

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3. Camden Memorial Swimming Pool

(File 544) (Director Works and Services)

On Monday 25 March, Council met with representatives of the Camden Swimming Club to hear a presentation from the Club on their requirements for the development of the Pool.

This report covers the intent of their presentation, options and recommended action.

Background

The Camden Memorial Swimming Pool was opened in 1964, consequently it is reaching the end of its physical life and needs to be replaced. Continuous maintenance is required to remedy the deterioration of the pool and \$92,000 p.a. is currently spent on the maintenance of the complex.

Being 38 years old the main pool has deteriorated through the exposure to chlorination. It is therefore not recommended that repairs or construction to widen this existing six lane pool to current eight lane standard be carried out. The physical fabric of the pool would not be receptive to such works. The only solution to the provision of an eight lane 50m pool on the site is the full reconstruction of the current pool.

In 1997, through a Department of Sport and Recreation grant, Council employed an architect to design improvements to the Pool complex. The resulting design provided for the total redevelopment of the upper levels of the pool, and construction of an enclosed 8 – 25 metres lane training pool, toddlers pool, amenities and kiosk incorporating disabled access throughout the building.

Refer to **Tabled Document “RS 2”** for a copy of the design.

At the time the project was estimated to cost \$3.6 million to achieve.

The resulting leisure centre was designed to service the Camden area. It has been envisaged that three leisure centres would ultimately serve the Camden LGA.

Swimming Club Input

The Swimming Club presented their perspective that the better course for reconstructing the Pool is the redevelopment of the 50 metre pool on the lower concourse.

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The Club in recent correspondence states:

“The Club’s plan would require the concrete walls and floor removed, the pool widened to eight lanes and lengthened by one and half metres, heated and enclosed.; This would allow a floating boom to be installed to convert the pool into two twenty five metre pools when required, allowing a number of water activities to be conducted at the one time. The cost would be approximately four million dollars, the same cost for one twenty five metre pool.”

A copy of the Club’s position, provided to Council, is referenced as **Tabled Document “RS 3”** and letters of support for the Camden Swimming Club have been received from St Paul’s School Camden, The Camden Chamber of Commerce, The Narellan Chamber of Commerce and Dr Kernohan, M.P.

Financial Considerations

Should Council chose to redevelop the 50 metre pool costs of the following magnitude (based on recent pool developments in the Sydney area) would be incurred:

50m pool heated	\$2.5 million
Enclosure (60m x 30m) 1800m ² @ \$1750	\$3.2 million
Spectator seating	<u>\$0.5 million</u>
	\$6.2 million

Plus the cost of associated amenities upgrading and recent building requirements.

Comment

The following points need consideration:

- Further costs would be incurred in bringing the remainder of the facility to modern standards.
- Redeveloping the 50m pool, leaves the learners and toddlers pool area to be considered as a separate item.
- The amenities and kiosk will similarly not be redeveloped under the Club’s proposal, but will of necessity need upgrading.
- The replacement of the 50m pool supplements existing 50m pools at Campbelltown, Liverpool and Picton. Heating and enclosing would make the pool unique in the region.

The Way Forward

It is considered appropriate to investigate the proposal under consideration through a viability study.

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The results of the study would lead to design of the project, prior to construction (on the basis of a \$6 million project this would be best scheduled over two financial years).

A viability study is estimated to cost \$40,000.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council approve the initiation of a viability study to examine the redevelopment of the 50m pool at the Camden Memorial Swimming Pool to provide an eight lane 50m heated and enclosed pool, with associated grandstand facilities.
- (ii) That Council authorise the expenditure of \$40,000 from the Camden Swimming Pool Reserve for the preparation of a viability study for a 50m pool.

Recommended: That

- (i) *Council approve the initiation of a viability study to examine the redevelopment of the 50m pool at the Camden Memorial Swimming Pool to provide an eight lane 50m heated and enclosed pool, with associated grandstand facilities.*
- (ii) *That Council authorise the expenditure of \$40,000 from the Camden Swimming Pool Reserve for the preparation of a viability study for a 50m pool.*

RS015/02 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

4. Library Grants For Homework Help, Children's Author Visit & Collection Development

(File 591/6) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose

This report advises Council of successful library service grants which require no Council contribution.

Discussion

The Library has been successful in gaining a total of \$17,314 in grant program funding over the past 3 months. These grants will be used to provide additional programs and events at both Library services. The details of each grant are set out below.

Library Development Grant

A Library Development Grant of \$10,500 has been received from the Library Council of NSW to establish a Homework Help Assistance Program.

The program will operate twice weekly, once at Camden Library and once at Narellan Library from 3.30–6.30pm commencing in May. Teachers will be employed to assist students in Year 5 to 10 in identifying, collecting, organising and presenting information, reviewing, revising and reinforcing study skills. The assistance will have a focus on the subject areas of the Human Society and its Environment section of the curriculum.

Children's Author Visit

A grant of \$800 has been received from the ALOUD program run by the Children's Book Council of NSW and funded by NSW Ministry for the Arts. The grant will be used to cover speaker fees for a children's author to present a literature and writing session for local school children.

It is proposed to host the author Phil Kettle who writes fun stories with a sporting theme known as the Too Cool! Series for 6 to 10 year old children. He will be presenting two sessions at each library on 8 and 9 May, with classes from local schools will be invited to attend.

State Funding for Collections

The State Library of New South Wales has provided \$1,420 to improve and enhance public library collections. This funding will be used to further develop the Reference Collections.

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Local Special Projects Grant

The State Government provided \$4,594 for a specific project decided on by the individual library services.

In 2002/03 this grant will be used to extend the "Talking Book" collection on cassette and CD.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

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

RS016/02 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

The Meeting closed at 6.21pm.