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

**Staff:** General Manager, Director Works & Services, Acting Director Governance & Outcomes (Manager Outcomes), Director Development & Environment, Manager Development, Manager Environment & Health, Manager Assets, Manager Engineering, Manager Community Services, Senior Governance Officer.

**APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Cr Senise from this meeting.

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Corrigan that leave of absence be granted to Cr Senise for this meeting.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Cr Campbell declared an interest in Item 6 as the proprietor of a business in Camden CBD which adjoins Larkin Place.

**GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

*(Cr Campbell left the Chamber having previously declared an pecuniary interest in relation to Item 6 – the time being 7.53pm).*

Mrs Wanda Sharpe addressed the Council in relation to Item 6.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Carpark Survey**

QUESTION:

Reference was drawn to the results of the survey and the perceived negativity. The survey was conducted in the local government area and it is believed a oversight occurred in that the survey was conducted as far as Leppington and areas of Narellan who do not actually access Camden CBD. Why was consideration not given to areas who use the Camden CBD who come from areas such as Mount Hunter, The Oaks, Oakdale, Werombi and even Picton. Had that been done the results of the survey would have given a much better picture.

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ANSWER:

The General Manager stated the previous Council report advised the areas to be surveyed and Mount Hunter was surveyed and is shown in the survey response. It was not a consideration, by Council to take the survey down to Picton. It was not part of the Council resolution.

***(Cr Campbell returned to the Chamber – the time being 8.00pm).***

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 24 NOVEMBER, 2003**

*Moved Cr Winn, seconded Cr Corrigan that the confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of 24 November, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.*

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**1. Investment Monies: Period Ended 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2003**  
(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 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2003, is provided as **Tabled Document "BPA 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 5.17% and during the month of October 2003, the average return on all investments both call and term was 5.22%.

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 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2003 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 5.22% for the month of October 2003 be noted.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr McFadden 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 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2003 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 5.22% for the month of October 2003 be noted.

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**2. Investment Monies: Period Ended 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2003**

(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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2003, is provided as **Tabled Document "BPA 2"**.

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 5.28% and during the month of November 2003, the average return on all investments both call and term was 5.32%.

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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 5.32% for the month of October 2003 be noted.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Corrigan 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 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 5.32% for the month of October 2003 be noted.

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**3. Delegation of Authority – Christmas/New Year Period**  
(2757) (Director Governance and Outcomes)

As Council will be in recess for a period of 6 weeks to Tuesday, 27th January, 2004, it is appropriate to provide Delegation of Authority to exercise the development approval function and allow Council to fulfil its statutory obligations between meetings. It may be necessary to approve Development Applications or similar matters, which are required to be approved as a matter of necessity and which may not satisfy the delegations to staff, ie. items of a contentious nature or where objections have been made.

The Local Government Act, 1993 allows Council to delegate functions and in addition, authority is also provided to the Mayor under Section 226 of the Act, to exercise functions between meetings. This delegation, however, should be specifically related to approval of Development Applications and apply for a set period of time only.

It should also be noted that the first meeting for 2004 is scheduled for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January due to the Australia Day public holiday.

Recommended: That Delegated Authority be granted to the Mayor for the approval of Development Applications during the period 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 to 26th January, 2004, under Sections 226 and 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 subject to where objections are received, and not reconciled, the matter be reported to the next Council Meeting for information.

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Corrigan that Delegated Authority be granted to the Mayor for the approval of Development Applications during the period 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 to 26th January, 2004, under Sections 226 and 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993 subject to where objections are received, and not reconciled, the matter be reported to the next Council Meeting for information.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

*(Cr Batros, Cr Campbell and Cr Winn voted against the Motion).*

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**4. Local Government Amendment Bill, 2003**  
(3829/2)(Director Governance and Outcomes)

The State Government has introduced into Parliament an amendment Bill, which has a number of implications for local government in the context of the structural reforms currently underway throughout New South Wales.

The following is an overview of the Bill –

**Consideration of Existing Reform Schemes**

1. Proclamation may determine wards, number of councillors, popular election of mayor, mayor's initial term of office, establish community consultative committee, confirm a scheme of long term rate pegging strategies for a period up to seven years.
2. Proclamation enables dissolution of a council area without a public inquiry if dissolution is recommended by the Boundaries Commission.
3. The Minister may determine the transfer or apportionment of assets/liabilities/staff.
4. The Director General of the Department of Local Government is authorised to make proposals for amalgamations (currently only the Minister, councils or a minimum number of electors can do this).
5. Proposals must address set criteria.
6. The Boundaries Commission is required to call for public submissions, which must be received within 28 days. Late submissions may be disregarded. The Commission must finalise the matter within 42 days of the initial 28 day period (this time may be extended by the Minister).

**Role of the Boundaries Commission**

1. The Commission and the Director General are not authorised to hold public meetings or conduct surveys or opinion polls or formal polls.
2. The Commission may hold a public meeting, survey or poll only if the Minister approves.
3. The Commission may recommend dissolution of all or part of an area without public inquiry.
4. The Director General may appoint independent facilitators for Regional Reviews.
5. A proclamation implementing amalgamation proposals is not invalid because of any non-compliance or rules of natural justice, and is protected from legal challenge.
6. The Minister is able to appoint temporary Boundaries Commissioners and may engage consultants to assist.
7. The Commission can propose modifications to a proposal so long as the alterations do not amount to a new proposal.

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**Code of Conduct**

1. Allows suspension of payment or remuneration to Councillors.
2. Will be a strengthened minimum model code of conduct, which councils can supplement so long as their additional requirements are not inconsistent with the minimum requirements. Consultation will take place before the Code comes into place in March 2004.
3. The code will apply to councillors, staff and delegates.
4. Misbehaviour will be defined and the code provides for formal censure of councillors.
5. Councillors may be suspended through a council request to the Director General of the Department of Local Government. The Director General may suspend a councillor for one month. Councillors may have a copy of allegations made.
6. Councillors may appeal to the Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal against a suspension and the Director General can refer matters to the Tribunal. ICAC and the Ombudsman may refer allegations to the Tribunal for determination.
7. The Tribunal will be given the power to counsel, reprimand, and suspend councillors from office without remuneration for up to six months. Costs of the Tribunal may be charged to council.

**Other amendments**

1. The Minister may approve a reduction in the number of councillors if the council so resolves.
2. The Minister may on recommendation of the Boundaries Commission change the number of councillors or the number and configuration of wards.
3. Certain determinations cannot be altered by councils within 12 months or longer without concurrence of the Minister.
4. Elections may be postponed up to two years, retrospective from 1 August 2003 (ie. councils under review may have elections pushed back as far as 1 August 2005).
5. Council staff are not subject to direction by a councillor but the mayor may request advice and recommendations.
6. New amalgamation procedures may apply to existing amalgamation proposals where no steps have been taken.

The Local Government Association has provided its position to Council clearly indicating it does not support the Bill in its present form. The Associations do support some of the provisions, however, there was no consultation with the Associations or Councils before the Bill was introduced to Parliament and there will be limited opportunity to consult before its proposed passage through Parliament.

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The Associations are particularly concerned with the haste of the whole process and have requested the Minister to delay the Bill's passage pending further consultation.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council send a letter of support to the Local Government Association in requesting the Minister for Local Government to delay the final reading of the Local Government Amendment Bill, 2003 to allow a full and considered consultation process to occur.
- (ii) Council write to the Minister advising of support of the LGA Position.

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

- (i) Council send a letter of support to the Local Government Association in requesting the Minister for Local Government to delay the final reading of the Local Government Amendment Bill, 2003 to allow a full and considered consultation process to occur.
- (ii) Council write to the Minister advising of support of the LGA Position.

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**5. Camden Town Farm Project**

(File 4364/2) (Acting Director of Governance and Outcomes)

**Purpose of this Report**

This report seeks to provide Councillors with an update on the Camden Town Farm project in response to a question without notice recently raised by Councillor Anderson.

**Background**

As reported previously Council aims to develop a functional and viable Town Farm in Exeter Street Camden. Once fully developed the farm will not only operate as a dairy but will model sustainable agricultural practices and provide a unique educational and tourism component that will attract visitation to the town and the area more generally.

The project has been supported by funding assigned to the property under the Dairy Adjustment Scheme. Further, Council was successful in securing funding of \$165,000 through the Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) Sustainable Regions Program, in order to develop the farm into a sustainable dairying operation. Additional opportunities to process and retail the milk harvest have also been identified.

The contract between Council and DOTARS requires the completion of an activity schedule designed to establish dairy operations on the site.

**New Dairy**

For its part in the development of the farm Council committed to the design and construction a new dairy facility. It was originally anticipated that this facility would be in place by December 2003.

Resolution of Transfer of Ownership and signing of a lease have contributed to a delay. Further, the site has numerous constraints to dairying operations including flooding, effluent disposal, soil and water management, odour, noise and heritage issues. Overcoming these constraints will require innovative solutions to be incorporated into facility design and management. An extension of the contract with DOTARS has been negotiated and it is now anticipated that the new dairy facility will be in place within the 2004/05 financial year.

It is envisaged that a report to Council in January 2004 will detail the tender process for the design and construction of the dairy facility and will include a summary of the design parameters.

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**Processing Plant**

At the time of the original application, a staged implementation of the project was considered appropriate to achieve the vision identified for the farm. Once the new dairy facility is established and operational (Stage 1) Council was to apply to the Sustainable Regions Committee to secure funding for the further development of the facility to milk processing capacity (Stage 2)

More recently however it has become obvious that there are significant economies of scale to be achieved in implementing both stages simultaneously. To this end Council recently sought to fast track the Stage 2 application to allow the dairy and processing plant to be constructed simultaneously. The advice from the Sustainable Regions Committee was that Stage 1 needs to be in place before consideration is given to supporting a Stage 2 application.

**Further funding secured**

Council has also sought additional funding to carry out necessary ecological restoration work on the site. A funding package of \$55,000 has been secured through an interim National Heritage Trust grant for the restoration of the riverbank (riparian area).

The farm will become a demonstration site for the sustainable management of an endangered ecological community, modelling best practice in riparian management. The farm will be one of a number of demonstration sites across the Cumberland Plain. The restoration program involves Council, The Department of Environment and Conservation (formerly NPWS), Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources, NSW Department of Agriculture and Greening Australia NSW.

The activities include the securing of the riparian zone under a management contract with DIPNR, woody weed control, seed collection, revegetation and a demonstration agro-forestry wood lot.

**Conclusion**

The complexity of re-establishing dairying operations on the site has delayed implementation. The development of the design parameters to inform the design and construct tender process is currently being finalised and will be reported to Council in January prior to proceeding to tender.

Re-establishment of the farm remains a priority.

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Recommended: That the information be noted.

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

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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**6. Provision of a Decked Parking Structure in Camden**  
(File 4157) (Acting Director of Governance and Outcomes)

**Purpose of the Report**

This report presents the findings of a Local Government Area wide community survey undertaken in relation to the proposed construction of a decked car parking structure on the site of the existing John/Murray Street car park in Camden. The report in full forms **Tabled Document "BPA 3"**.

**Background**

At its Resources and Services meeting on 13 October 2003 Council resolved to undertake the survey to gauge the level of support for the project within the broader community. The public consultation was in response to advice from the Director General of the Department of Local Government to determine community opinion on the cost, need and siting of such a car park. Council had sought such advice to determine the most appropriate time that the project could be included in the annual budget, given past support and non-budgetary provision.

**The Consultation Strategy**

At the above-mentioned meeting Council resolved to adopt a consultation strategy in respect of the car park proposal that included:

- The conduct of a professionally developed, managed and reported telephone survey of over 500 residents and businesses throughout the Camden Local Government Area targeting responses to questions about the need and relative merits of the car park.
- A call for public submissions on the issue
- Direct discussions with recognised business and community organisations.

**Undertaking the Survey**

IRIS Research was chosen to undertake the telephone survey and to collate all written submissions. IRIS was chosen largely for the company's expertise in local government community surveys that measure resident satisfaction, set benchmarks and contribute to strategic planning. The company is known to Council as a reputable organisation that enjoys on going relationships with a number of other councils.

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The consultation process occurred between 20 October and 14 November 2003 with the telephone survey conducted over the week commencing 3 November 2003.

A method known as Deliberative Polling was used to conduct the telephone survey. This is a technique used by IRIS that combines a communication and research process aimed at simplifying complex decision making.

**The Deliberative Polling process involved:**

1. The communication of a specially designed fact sheet to a large random sample (2000 households) of the population, randomly selected from the White Pages. The fact sheet presented a summary of the deck car park proposal and the major findings of recent studies conducted on the issue by Council appointed consultants.
2. The sample group was allowed time to deliberate on the information and the options
3. The conduct of a random survey within the deliberative group with some 509 completed interviews conducted.

**Survey Objectives**

The broad objectives of the community survey were to:

- Examine the degree of difficulty encountered by residents when parking in the major commercial centres of Camden and Narellan.
- Measure the degree of support among the community for the deck car park
- Identify the key reasons for residents support or non support for the proposal
- Establish the level of priority of the deck car park amongst the community
- Determine community opinion on a proposal to defer the project for 3 – 4 years

**Summary of Survey Findings**

The finding of the survey are summarised under the following headings:

- (a) Visitation to the Camden and Narellan commercial centres
- (b) Availability of parking
- (c) Level of community support for a decked structure
- (d) Comparing Priorities.

**a) Visitation**

In terms of visitation patterns of the two centres the survey found that households from across the LGA have a relatively high interaction with the Camden Township. Around 1 in 4

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households stated that they visited the town on a daily basis for the purpose of shopping, socialising or personal business.

Over three-quarters stated they visited the township at least weekly. Higher levels of visitation were reported from households located within the immediate catchment of the township. Almost half those interviewed stated they visited the centre on a daily basis while with the remainder visited at least once a week.

By contrast the frequency of visitation to the Narellan Town Centre by residents from across the LGA was identified as significantly lower than that of the Camden Township. Only 13% of residents surveyed visited Narellan daily while 75% visited at least once a week.

These patterns of visitations confirm the different retail/commercial roles and the complementary natures of the two centres as articulated by Council in various strategic documents.

**b) Availability of Car Parking**

Community opinion as to the availability of convenient accessible car parking in the Camden Township was mixed. In percentage terms 44% of households believe that car parking in Camden is not difficult to find. In contrast 29% of respondents claim it is difficult and the remainder did not express an opinion either way. By contrast parking in Narellan is easier with 69% of respondents saying parking was not difficult to find.

**c) Level of Community Support**

The general level of community support for a decked car park in Camden was mixed. More households were favourable (42%) than unfavourable (32%) to the proposal with the remainder undecided. Support was stronger among the households that visited the centre daily. In terms of potential usage 45% indicated that they were likely to use the facility if built in contrast to 32% who said they would not. Households visiting the centre daily were more likely to use the car park

**d) Determining Community Priorities**

It must be noted that the purpose of the survey was not solely to gauge the level of community support for a car park in isolation of all other issues. Rather the survey sought to provide residents with a better understanding of the various competing interests in Council's annual budget deliberations. The survey sought specific feedback from residents regarding the type of works, services and infrastructure that should be prioritised by Council and a comparative weighting of such priorities.

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To this end a choice modelling exercise was conducted as part of the survey to determine how the community rated such competing interests on Council's available funds. In this section of the survey households were asked to select between having a deck car park and other environmental, community infrastructure or recreational initiatives.

This exercise revealed that the highest-rated priority across the LGA was for community infrastructure (55.1%) followed by environmental programs(51.9%). Children's playgrounds and sporting fields were ranked next (47.7%) closely followed by the car park (45.3%). Interestingly the individual scores given to the various initiatives were relatively close indicating that the community recognises that Council needs to sensibly balance competing priorities.

**Introducing the Cost factor**

When respondents were presented with the full cost and funding scenarios of the car park opinion noticeably gravitated towards the lower end of the scale in terms of its priority. Almost 50% of households surveyed suggested that the deck car park initiative should be given either a low or low to medium priority for Council. This compared to 28% who rated it a high or medium to high priority.

**The Option to Defer**

Finally respondents were presented with the findings of a feasibility study commissioned in March 2002 by Halliburton KBR. This report suggested that based on projected population growth patterns a deck car park would be needed in Camden in approximately 7 – 10 years.

Respondents were further presented with a scenario that suggested that if the proposal was deferred for a period of 3 – 4 years it could be financed out of built up reserves without the need to cut expenditure on new initiatives.

51% of households surveyed supported the action of postponing the project. 25% considered this was not an acceptable course of action while the remainder did not express an opinion either way.

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**Written Submissions**

Five written submissions were generated following the advertisement of the consultation period. The submissions were from the Camden Historical Society, the Camden Chamber of Commerce and three Camden residents. Broadly summarised the issues raised in these submissions included:

- The impact of such a structure on a heritage town,
- The growing need for car parking provision,
- Better management of existing parking spaces,
- A preference to Larkin Place to John/Murray Street as the preferred site
- A questioning of the need for such a structure at all.

A more detailed summary of these submissions is included as **Tabled Document."BPA 4"**.

**Conclusion**

The foregoing represents a summary of the consultation undertaken to determine community opinion as to the cost, need and siting of a decked car park in Camden.

An 80% participation rate in the telephone survey indicates clearly the desire of our community to be involved in Council's decision making process. Furthermore the ability of respondents to differentiate between the various options presented again indicates that the community has a strong grasp of the broader issues involved in finding a sensible balance among many competing demands.

The respondents recognise the importance of on going car-parking provision to service a growing Camden retail centre. There exists a level of support for the car park proposal, particularly from those residents who frequently visit the centre. However it is when the car park option is weighted against other competing priorities that the proposal assumes a lower priority rating in the eyes of the community.

Should Council wish to proceed with the development of this project in the short term then it should now proceed to report the survey findings to the Director General of the Department of Local Government and seek in principle approval for the allocation of additional loan funding for the 2004/2005 financial year.

However consideration of the time frame for the commencement of the deck car park project should have regard to a number of factors. There has been the recent provision of additional car parking spaces in the town centre as outlined in

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the fact sheet that supported the public consultation process. There is also better utilisation of existing car parking spaces in the town centre due to the on going policing of parking restrictions by Council.

Additionally there is an opportunity to encourage Council staff that currently use the Civic Centre all day car park to utilise the new parking area that will soon be created adjacent to Woolworths on the site of the old Youth Cottage. This would allow Council to review the time restrictions in the Civic Centre car park with a view to creating additional short term parking for shoppers.

The deck car park project is currently planned for commencement (design & approval) in the 2005/2006 Capital Works Program and construction in the 2006/2007 Capital Works Program. This timetable was adopted with the 2003/2004 Budget in June, 2003. Adherence to this timetable represents a balanced approach to the provision of public infrastructure for the benefit of all Camden residents.

Recommended: That Council:

- (i) Note the information contained in the survey report.
- (ii) Retain the construction of the decked car park in Camden in the draft 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 Capital Works Programs.

***(Cr Campbell having previously declared a pecuniary interest in this item left the Chamber and took no part in discussion or voting – the time being 8.10pm).***

**MOTION**

Moved Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Fekete that Council:

- (i) Note the information contained in the survey report.
- (ii) Retain the construction of the decked car park in Camden in the draft 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 Capital Works Programs.

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

*(Cr Anderson, Cr Corrigan, Cr Patterson, Cr Winn and Cr McFadden voted against the Motion).*

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**FURTHER MOTION**

*Moved* Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr McFadden that Council:

- (i) *Note the information contained in the survey report.*
- (ii) *Retain the construction of the decked carpark in Camden in the draft 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 Capital Works Program.*

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

*(Cr Fekete voted against the Motion).*

***(Cr Campbell returned to the Chamber – the time being 8.20pm).***

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**7. Cut Hill Road Reconstruction**  
(File 714) (Director Works and Services)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a proposal to implement an environmentally sensitive approach to the road design of part of Cut Hill Road, that will be consistent with a resolution of Council at the meeting of 26 November 2001 for the reconstruction of Coates Park Road.

It is proposed to reduce Council's rural road design standard for the reconstruction of this road, as the basis of providing an effective road design, which takes a sensitive approach to the removal of trees from the road verge, while at the same time satisfying road safety and resident expectations.

**Cut Hill Road Reconstruction**

Council set aside funds (\$221,100) within the 2003/2004 Roads Program for reconstruction of portion of Cut Hill Road for the reconstruction of two segments of the road.

Investigation and design for the reconstruction of this section of Cut Hill Road to Council's normal rural standard (of 6.2m seal and 8.6m pavement including 1.2m shoulders and 1.5m tabledrains) revealed that a significant number of trees would be required to be removed.

Being aware of the residents' appreciation of the special rural atmosphere in this part of Cobbitty, Council endeavoured to balance the need for retaining existing trees along the verge with road safety concerns.

A reduction in design standard (6.2m seal with 8.6m pavement with combined shoulders and table drains) was found to satisfy user needs and to minimise the removal of trees. The standard 6.2m seal width is required due to the number of large horse floats that use this part of Cut Hill Road. By combining the shoulders and tabledrains the overall formation width can be reduced from 11.6m to 9.2m. The drainage requirement for the part of the road in question can be adequately catered for by the proposed table drain width.

Seventy-seven trees will be affected by this reduction of Council's design standard (which includes 10 trees reported to the Traffic Committee meeting of 13 October 2003).

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**Replacement of Trees**

In an effort to offset the removal of the trees along this segment of Cut Hill Road Council will plant trees that are endemic to the area.

The replacement trees will be sited to allow for future road reconstruction and with regard to requests to maintain a service corridor for public utilities.

Discussions with the landowner abutting (both sides) this segment of the road resolved that he was agreeable to the trees being removed to permit the road works and the replacement of those removed with a variety endemic to the area, within the road reserve.

**Summary**

The proposed reduced rural standard for reconstruction of Cut Hill Road will provide a practical road layout which is environmentally sensitive in minimising the removal of trees from this road verge, and satisfies road safety and the resident concerns for their area.

It is therefore appropriate to recommend the reduced rural standard for reconstruction of this road considering the nature of the traffic volume on Cut Hill Road.

Recommended: That Council adopt the proposed reduced road construction standard for the reconstruction of Cut Hill Road and note the necessary removal of trees to permit these works.

*Resolved on the Motion Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that Council adopt the proposed reduced road construction standard for the reconstruction of Cut Hill Road and note the necessary removal of trees to permit these works.*

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**8. Petition – ‘Camden Walk It Group’ – Request to Open Toilets at Belgenny Reserve.**

(File 675.230) [Director Works and Services)

Council is in receipt of a petition, initiated by Camden Walking Group, containing 59 signatories, which requests that the toilets which are located at Belgenny Oval be open on a daily basis.

The petition reads:

“We the undersigned request that Camden Council open the toilet facilities at Belgenny Oval on a daily basis (as are the Chellaston Street Reserve toilets). This request is made for all users of the Camden Bike track (Nepean Cycleway) walkers, cyclists, families, seniors, people with disabilities, tourists and members of walking groups. There are new barbecue facilities at Belgenny Oval and users of these facilities also need toilet facilities that are open.”

Recommended: That

- (i) Council note the petition;
- (ii) The matter be referred for further investigation and any cost be referred to the 2004/05 Budget Process;
- (iii) The initial signatory be advised this matter has been referred for investigation.

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

- (i) Council note the petition;
- (ii) The matter be referred for further investigation and any cost be referred to the 2004/05 Budget Process;
- (iii) The initial signatory be advised this matter has been referred for investigation.
- (iv) The matter also be referred to the half yearly 2003/2004 Budget Review.

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**9. Tidy Towns Awards – Camden**

(File 3118) [Director Works and Services]

**Objective**

To inform Council of the results of the 2003 Country Energy – Tidy Towns Awards.

**Background**

Council would be familiar with the annual Tidy Towns Program where approximately 130 cities, towns, villages and schools in regional NSW compete for the overall “Tidiest Town” together with a number of sponsored awards recognising such issues as heritage conservation, waste management, habitat protection and business partnerships.

At the presentation weekend in Cowra (21 – 23 November 2003) from the six categories available, Camden won

- the Waste Minimisation Award - for the Stormwater Harvesting Project at Narellan Vale which allows sports fields at Liquidambar Reserve to be irrigated; and
- the Schools Environment Award - in collaboration with Camden High School for its trees on farms and Belgenny Reserve propagation and planting project.

The overall Tidy Town winner was Broken Hill where next year’s awards shall be presented.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

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

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**10. Expressions of Interest for the Management of Council's Tennis Courts at Harrington Park, Currans Hill and Mount Annan**

(File 4657) (Director Works and Services)

**Purpose**

This report advises Council of the outcome of the expression of interest process for the management of the new tennis courts at Harrington Park and the existing courts at Currans Hill and Mount Annan.

**Discussion**

Council has recently taken possession of three new tennis courts as part of the Harrington Park development. In addition, Council has two sets of courts at Jack Nash, Currans Hills and Birriwa Reserve, Mount Annan.

Expressions of interest were sought for the management of the three tennis court complexes, with advertisements placed in the Sydney Morning Herald, Chronicle and Macarthur Advertiser on two occasions per publication between Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 17 September 2003. In addition people who had contacted Council regarding the tennis courts at Harrington Park were placed on a data base and provided with the information packages.

**Key features of the expression of interest**

The selection criteria that interested parties were required to address and demonstrate were:

- Not for profit/ Incorporated groups/organisations;
- Demonstrated ability to manage Tennis Courts;
- Provide a high level of customer service to the community;
- Hold \$10 Million Public Liability Insurance; and
- Completed prohibited persons declaration Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998.

**Other key features under the arrangement are that the organisation:**

- Provide a neighbourhood contact person at each court/s;
- Ensuring 33% of courts at each facility will be available for social use;
- Hire of the courts will be provided in a fair and equitable basis;
- Coaching arrangements will be advertised, with a panel to make an assessment consisting of the operator and council representatives. Keeping a minimum of 2 or 3 coaches per facility;

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- Ensuring that 80% of clubs hiring the facility shall be based within Camden Local Government Area;
- Provide promotional campaigns amongst local community to encourage participation in the sport and associated recreational activities;
- Organise and conduct tournaments (at least twice annually) that encourages and develops the skills of the local youth and other participants;
- Organise, conduct and support talent identification programs, locally and by state and national bodies aimed at identifying and developing the tennis skills of local youth; and
- Report annually to Council on the results of the programs introduced and conducted that year.

**Expressions of Interest Received**

Following the advert period only one (1) expression of interest was received from the Camden District Tennis Association. Camden District Tennis Associations submission met the selection criteria as set out. The Association has had extensive experience in the management of courts at Onslow Park and Nott Oval, during which time they have conducted capital upgrades of the course through some assistance from Council as well as securing grants from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation. The Club also conducts several senior, junior and social competitions across the week.

**The detailed assessment of the submission has been circulated to Councillors separately.**

**Conclusion**

Camden Tennis District Tennis Association has demonstrated that they have the capacity to effectively manage the tennis court through their experience and ongoing contribution to tennis in Camden. The new tennis court arrangements in relation to Currans Hill, Mount Annan and Harrington Park will ensure that residents in Camden will have improved access to the tennis courts as well as ensure that appropriate accountability arrangements are in place. The new management arrangements in place will also ensure that tennis as a sport will continue to be effectively promoted to young people in the Camden local government area.

Recommended: That Council endorse the acceptance of the submission by the Camden District Tennis Association to manage the courts at Harrington Park, Currans Hill and Mount Annan for a period of three (3) years.

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*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr McFadden that Council endorse the acceptance of the submission by the Camden District Tennis Association to manage the courts at Harrington Park, Currans Hill and Mount Annan for a period of three (3) years.*

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**11. Community Financial Assistance Program 2003/04**

(File: 4694) (Director Works and Services reports)

**Purpose**

This report seeks Councils approval to allocate funding to local community groups under Councils Community Financial Assistance Program (CFAP).

**Background**

Each year Council provides funding for local non-profit community organisations and groups, to assist them in providing services and facilities, which will be of benefit to the Camden community.

This is the first funding round to be held under the new Community Financial Assistance Program Policy adopted in June 2003. (Policy 4.3)

**Assessment Criteria for Applications received under the Program**

The aim of the CFAP is to assist in the establishment of new groups and services; enhance the quality of service delivery and facilities to meet community needs; promote increased access and equity; and encourage community participation in the provision of local services and activities.

The applications received are assessed against the following eligibility criteria:

- Non Government Organisations who are not for profit and /or community groups either based in the Camden LGA or undertaking a project of direct benefit to people within the Camden LGA.
- Demonstrated value to both the Camden Community and Camden Council
- Demonstrated participation of local residents
- Demonstrated local support- either financial or in kind
- Applications may be for seed funding for one off establishment costs for new groups or projects
- Preference is given where there:
  - is little opportunity for funding from other sources
  - are partnership arrangements in place between organisations.

**Tabled Document “BPA 5“ sets out the full policy.**

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**Promotion of Program**

The 2003/04 funding round was advertised in the Camden/Wollondilly Advertiser, through Council's Website, community noticeboards and a mail out to community organisation listed on the Community Directory.

In addition to this, community groups were advised that the CFAP funding round would be held in September 2003, during the consultations for the new CFAP policy.

**Recommended Projects for 2003/04**

Council received a total of 20 applications for financial assistance for the 2003 / 04 funding round.

The total amount of funding requested was \$67,497.20. Of these applications 11 (Eleven), equating to \$35,186 have been assessed as high priority.

The lower number of applications for funding is believed to be due to the last funding round being held in May of this year. It is expected that with the annual funding round that will be held under the new policy the number and standard of applications received will improve for the next funding round.

Despite the limited number of applications Council Officers have still maintained a high level of assessment so as to ensure that there is equity between applications for this and future funding rounds.

An assessment of the applications received was made against the program guidelines and the funds available within the 2003/04 Financial Assistance Program. The following groups or organisations have been assessed against the funding principles and guidelines and have been ranked as a **High** priority for Council's consideration.

Please refer to **Tabled Document "BPA 6"** for a full list of all applicants received in this funding round.

**Applications assessed as HIGH PRIORITY**

No	Organisation	Project Title	Amount Requested	Comments
2	Camden Country Quilters Guild	Community Quilts ( To purchase quilting material and a quilting machine)	\$2500	<b>Community Cultural Development and the Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation by Camden residents is evident</li><li>• This organisation participates in numerous community events and therefore this project would provide</li></ul>

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No	Organisation	Project Title	Amount Requested	Comments
				value to a broad cross section of the community.
4	Currans Hill Rugsrats Playgroup	Playgroup Establishment (To purchase toys and equipment)	\$1500	<b>Community Project –Support of Key Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will directly benefit a wide number of children in the Currans Hill and Mt Annan areas</li> <li>Has community involvement in the delivery of the playgroup.</li> </ul>
6	Macarthur BMX Club Inc	Commentary Tower/Track Equipment	\$4560	<b>Sport and Recreation- Capital Works</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is licensed with Council to develop the track and support facilities</li> <li>Has participation of local members with a large member base</li> <li>Gives value to the Camden LGA and Council by development of a top class recreational facility.</li> </ul>
8	Camden Art Society	Community Participation (Inviting artists for demonstrations)	\$3300	<b>Community Cultural Development and the Arts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will promote increased access to cultural development, in turn strengthening the capacity of this organisation to deliver art projects</li> <li>This organisation makes contributions to the community, and have community support</li> </ul>
9	Wollondilly Camden Family Support Service Inc	Mothers and Children Reconnect	\$4620	<b>Community Project – Support Key Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council officer advised that the majority of participants (80%) will be from the Camden LGA, therefore project will directly benefit residents from the Camden LGA</li> <li>A Non Government Organisation that will support an existing service by providing retreats for mothers and children allowing them to reconnect after abuse and trauma.</li> <li>Application also made to Wollondilly Council</li> </ul>
12	NSW Sports Council for the Disabled South West Region	T Ball for children with a disability	\$1501	<b>Sport and Recreation- Purchase of Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants will be from the Camden LGA, therefore there will be direct benefit to the Camden Community. This is a pilot project that depending on success will be extended to Campbelltown and Wollondilly LGAs by the Sports Council.</li> <li>Funding is to purchase equipment that the organisation will own, currently they are borrowing from other clubs.</li> <li>Registration fees to be charged to help run the project.</li> <li>Has demonstrated excellent local in-kind support.</li> </ul>

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No	Organisation	Project Title	Amount Requested	Comments
13	Harrington Park Scorpions Softball	Scorpions Softball Equipment.	\$3605	<b>Sport and Recreation- Purchase of Equipment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New club that has large number of members from the Camden LGA.</li> <li>• Fees and charges levied by the organisation currently contribute to uniform and capital expenditure costs.</li> <li>• Development of this organisation will provide value to the LGA.</li> </ul>
15	Youth Solutions	Macarthur Youth Safer Celebration Summit	\$2400	<b>Community Projects –Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds sought to implement strategies that come out of a series of summits held in November. The summits look at the issue of keeping youth safe before during and after celebrations.</li> <li>• Have existing strong partnerships in place with other Councils</li> <li>• Large numbers of Camden youths involved in the summits giving direct benefit to the Camden Community</li> </ul>
17	Narellan Community Care	Vacation Care Fence (at Sports Alive)	\$5000	<b>Community Project Minor Capital Works</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhances existing service</li> <li>• Caters for up to 105 children during vacation periods.</li> <li>• Organisation is providing excellent financial support (Organisation is providing \$4720 of the total of \$9720)</li> </ul>
18	Sydney Wildlife South Western Branch	Educational Display	\$3000	<b>Community Project Educational</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The boards would be used at Community events such as Camden Show, and at local schools for displays, providing value to the whole community.</li> <li>• Are volunteer based, perform a number of wildlife rescues in the LGA, therefore wider exposure will benefit Council and the wider community.</li> </ul>
19	Camden Area Youth Services	Sub Dynamics ( Aerosol Art workshops and DJ mixing workshops)	\$3200	<b>Community Project- Support Key Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target numbers 20 Young people per group</li> <li>• Will target school music and art departments to ensure local support for the project</li> <li>• Work with other service providers, through referrals to the program</li> <li>• Utilise Youth Week to launch program.</li> </ul>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35, 186</b>	

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**Resource Implication**

The total amount of funds available for the Community Financial Assistance Program in 2003/04 is \$50,953 to be allocated from **Job number 02900.0450**, with the recommended applications for funding for 2003/04 totalling \$35,186.

The additional funding has not been allocated due to the inability of other applicants in meeting the assessment criteria.

**Communication Strategy**

Successful applicants will be presented with their grants at an event hosted by the Mayor early in the New Year. This would be a valuable opportunity for Councillors to meet representatives from the community groups receiving funding and to hear first hand about the programs funded.

Unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the outcome and provided with suggestions for alternate sources of funding.

**Conclusion**

The Community Financial Assistance Program provides a valuable source of funding for community groups within the Camden LGA, which in turn fosters a stronger community capacity and spirit.

Recommended: That Council approves funding for the eleven (11) applications assessed as **HIGH** priority.

**MOTION**

*Moved Cr Batros, seconded Cr Patterson that Council approves funding for the eleven (11) applications assessed as **HIGH** priority with the addition of the Lifeline Macarthur - Suicide Counselling Skills Project.*

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**12. Petition re Development Application No. 1254/2003  
for a Proposed Market to Operate from Mount Annan  
Public School at 12 Stenhouse Drive, Mount Annan**  
(File 7425.115) (Director, Development & Environment)

Council is in receipt of a petition regarding the proposed small markets to be held weekly on Saturdays located at 12 Stenhouse Drive, Mount Annan. The application proposes to commence setting up at 7am and packing up at 4pm.

The application was placed on public exhibition from 21/11/2003 to 5/12/2003. As a result of the public exhibition period, twelve (12) submissions have been submitted to Council opposing the proposal. A petition opposing the proposed markets has been attached to one of these submissions.

The petition contains 22 signatories representing 14 households from Hop Bush Place and Hovea Way Mount Annan.

Following assessment of the proposed small markets, the matter will be brought to Council for determination.

Recommended: That

- (i) The concerns expressed by the residents in relation to the proposed small markets be noted;
- (ii) The petitioners be advised of when the matter is brought to Council for determination.

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

- (i) *The concerns expressed by the residents in relation to the proposed small markets be noted;*
- (ii) *The petitioners be advised of when the matter is brought to Council for determination.*

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**13. Tender for Tree Maintenance Services**

(File4705) [Director Works and Services]

**Purpose of Report**

To facilitate the appointment of the successful tenderer(s) for 'Tree Maintenance Services' in Camden.

**Background**

In accordance with Council's Purchase and Procurement Policy and the Local Government Tendering Regulation 1999, the Works and Services Department prepared contract documentation and sought Open Tenders in October 2003.

The tender documents sought to establish a common basis for the costing and delivery of tree maintenance services regularly encountered in the public domain. The contract shall run for a period up until 30 June 2005.

Prospective tenderers were asked to demonstrate in their submission:

1. An appreciation and understanding of the contract document itself;
2. An understanding of the extent and scope of Council's service requirements;
3. A demonstrated capacity for ongoing improvement consistent with Council's 'best practice' principles;
4. Compliance with Council's Occupational Health and Safety and Environment Protection obligations;
5. A demonstrated capacity to meet Council's service requirements
6. A competitive price for separate tree maintenance categories.

**Tender Appraisal - Tree Maintenance**

To assist Council in selecting a tender that offers the 'best value' for money, the submitted tenders have undergone preliminary assessment by an evaluation panel comprised of the Manager Engineering, Independent Probity Auditor and the Parks Co-ordinator. The evaluation panel's assessment has taken into account each tender's compliance to the contract documentation, Council's projected service costs, price and non-price criteria.

Six (6) submissions were received for the 'Tree Maintenance' Contract 03/09 by the tender closing date of 4 pm, Friday 7th November 2003. Of the six (6) submissions received, three (3) have been considered by the evaluation panel as not conforming to Council's minimum contract requirements. They are;

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<b>CPE Tree Services</b>
<b>BJ's Tree Services</b>
<b>Friendly Fred's Tree Services</b>

These companies have been excluded from further assessment as they are unable to demonstrate a capability to discharge their service obligations under the contract.

The balance of conforming submissions which meet or exceed Council's minimum contract requirements have been assembled in the following schedule. The price noted, as a comparison figure, utilises the tendered rates with an average (over three years) figure of Council's usage.

<b>Tenderer</b>	<b>Comparison Figure</b>
<b>Active Tree Services</b>	<b>\$126095</b>
<b>Advanced Arbor Service</b>	<b>\$131750</b>
<b>Sydney Metro Tree Services</b>	<b>\$222675</b>

The comparison clearly shows that the tender rates submitted by Active Tree Services produces a cost efficient service to Council.

**Comment**

The market response to Council's 'Tree Maintenance' contract has been encouraging with a wide range of companies taking interest. Council's current service commitment to Tree Maintenance activities is in the order of \$120,000 per annum.

It is therefore considered that all conforming tenders have adequately demonstrated a capacity to meet Council's service requirements under the "Tree Maintenance' Contract. As a consequence, Council needs only to determine the tender that offers the best value.

Under the contract, Council sought to provide a "flexible service" and reserved the right to accept more than one tender for each Separable Portion".

Recommended: That

- (i) Council accept the tendered rates submitted by Active Tree Services for Public Domain Tree Maintenance Services other than 'Fauna Protection' which will be sourced separately by individual contract as and when required.
- (ii) Where Active Tree Services cannot provide the required services within Council's time frame Council accept the

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tenders of

- (a) Advanced Arbor Service for Public Domain Tree Maintenance Services other than 'Root Pruning and Tree Demolition 18-30 metres' which will be sourced separately by individual contract as and when required.
  - (b) Sydney Metro Tree Services for Public Domain Tree Maintenance Services other than 'Root Pruning' which will be sourced separately by individual contract as and when required.
- (iii) Council seal be affixed to this contract as required.
- (iv) The period of the contract extend up until 30 June 2005.

**MOTION**

*Moved Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Patterson that*

- (i) *this matter be deferred to the Council Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2004.*
- (ii) *Councillors be informed either at a Workshop or in writing of the reasons for the exclusion of the local firms.*
- (iii) *The existing arrangements to remain in place until Council determines this matter.*

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*(Cr Campbell voted against the Motion).*

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**14. Tender For The Supply And Delivery Of Road  
Construction Materials**

(File 4753) [Director Works and Services]

**Purpose of Report**

To consider the award of contract 03/10 – Supply and Delivery of Densely Graded Base Course Material (DGB20) and to approve the 11 month supply of this base course material for Council's construction and maintenance work conducted through open tenders.

**Main Report**

Tenders were called for the provision of materials for Council's construction and maintenance work. Seven tenders were received.

**Tabled Document "BPA 7"** shows a comparison of rates tendered for the supply and delivery of densely graded base course material. The prices quoted by the tenderers were exclusive of GST.

Two companies, Boral Quarries and Concrete Recyclers Group Pty Ltd, provided non-conforming tenders through the provision for recycled road construction materials, which is a blend of recycled concrete and quarry products/sand. Council has an approved contract for recycled road construction materials. These tenders were therefore unacceptable and will not be considered within this tender process. Of the remaining five tenders, those provided by MJ Rowles and Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd are most competitive. As the bulk of this road construction material is to be delivered to various sites across the LGA, the tender provided by Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd is the most cost effective. The test results for the materials quoted by Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd conform to the specifications used in the tender. It is therefore recommended that Council adopt the tender provided by Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd.

**Recommended:** That

- (i) Tender 03/10 – The contract for the supply and delivery of Densely Graded Base Course Material be awarded to Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd for the period 1 January 2004 to 30 November 2004.
- (ii) Council seal be affixed to this contract as required.

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

- (i) Tender 03/10 – The contract for the supply and delivery of Densely Graded Base Course Material be awarded to Pioneer Construction Materials Pty Ltd for the period 1 January 2004 to 30 November 2004.*
- (ii) Council seal be affixed to this contract as required.*

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**Delegated Committees**

Development Committee – Held 24 November, 2003

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Development Committee of the 24 November, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.*

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**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**Truck Signs**

(TC/3097)

Cr Corrigan requested an additional “Limit Compression Braking Sign” be installed at the Mount Annan roundabout (adjacent to Tim’s Garden Centre).

The Director Works & Services stated this is a RTA Road and a request will be submitted for attention.

**Compression Braking – Coles/Myer**

(TC/3097)

Cr Corrigan requested a letter be written to Coles/Myer requesting delivery drivers not to use compression braking along Narellan Road.

The Director Works & Services stated a letter will be written.

**Truck Deliveries Coles/Myers Warehouse**

(DA3700.70)

Cr Corrigan requested has Council received any reports of truck deliveries outside the approved conditions for the Coles/Myers warehouse.

The Director Development & Environment stated no reports have been received over the last 6 months. Previously Council did have an issue however, the matter has been resolved and Coles/Myers are now complying.

**Vehicle Sales – Road Reserves**

(TC/3039)

Cr Campbell requested to be advised if Council is currently enforcing the Policy for vehicle sales on road verges on weekends. Recently several vehicles are causing problems on the Ponderosa estate.

The Director Development & Environment stated Council does enforce the policy when staff are working. When staff are on leave all of the weekend is not covered. In addition it is not a 24 hour roster.

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**Macarthur District Softball**

(TC/2346)

Cr Campbell requested to be advised if the Macarthur District Softball Association has been reimbursed for the Australia Day parade function on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2003 as requested from the Central Ward Councillor funds.

The Director Works & Services stated did not recall the Ward Fund allocation however, the matter will be followed through.

**Availability of Report – Council Libraries**

(TC/1326)

Cr Campbell stated Council resolved at the Development Committee on 12 May, 2003 to make available in Council libraries the report and CD of the General Manager's visit to USA. Given the length of time since that date is the publication available.

The General Manager understood the publication was available however a check will be made.

**Toilet Block Onslow Park**

(PF1500.100)

Cr Winn requested to be advised when the toilet block at Onslow Park will be upgraded.

The Director Works & Services stated a commencement date will be provided.

**Macarthur Park – Watering System**

(PF5400.150)

Cr Winn requested to be advised if the watering system at Macarthur Park has been replaced.

The Director Works & Services stated the replacement has not been completed as it is not deemed urgent at this stage due to the current water restrictions.

**Trail Bikes – Gundungarra Reserve**

(PF8075.350)

Cr Batros requested to be advised of any further information regarding the trail bikes at Gundungarra Reserve.

The Director Development & Environment stated the offenders have been apprehended. Council will continue with its operations to police the area.

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**Questions Without Notice – Previous Question**

(TC/3802)

Cr Batros drew attention to a memo supplied dealing with issues in Ironbark Avenue. However, the memorandum does not relate to the issue raised, being the open space area on Remembrance Drive next to the traffic lights. The matter will be pursued separately as there has been a misunderstanding.

**Camden Valley Way Speed Limits**

(TC/3288)

Cr Fekete asked if Council staff and media were aware of the major changes to speed limits along Camden Valley Way. 90kph reduced to 80kph and 70kph reduced to 60kph. Could the public be notified of these changes.

The Director Works & Services stated at the last RTA consultative meeting, Council complained to the RTA regarding the lack of sufficient notice given to speed changes.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm