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

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

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Mr Peter Neilsen addressed Council in relation to Item 2.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no Public Questions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Anderson that confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 January, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

020/03

*THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.***

MAYORAL MINUTE

Proposed Closure of Air Traffic Control Tower at Camden Airport

On Friday I received notification from Airservices Australia that it will, once again, attempt to close the Control Tower at Camden Airport from Monday 28 April, 2003.

Airservices Australia maintains that a significant decline in air traffic movements at Camden Airport has "...weighed against the results of a Cost and Benefit Assessment.." In other words, the airports organisation is intending to downgrade the air safety facilities at Camden Airport in order to save money.

Assurances that the tower will be maintained in such a condition that will allow it to be re-activated within a six month period do not, I believe, provide the Camden community with any comfort in this matter.

Camden Airport has been an integral part of the Camden community and economy for decades and the downgrading of safety facilities at a time when additional pressure from the re-

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arrangements of Sydney and Bankstown flight operations will surely increase usage at Camden, is completely unacceptable.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) is required to endorse the decision of Airservices Australia. I therefore:

Recommend that Council make the strongest representations in opposition to the closure of the Camden Airport control tower to the Federal Member for Macarthur, Mr Pat Farmer MP; the Civil Aviation Safety Authority; and Airservices Australia. Further, that Council support any action by the users and businesses of Camden Airport in their opposition to the closure.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Campbell that Council make the strongest representations in opposition to the closure of the Camden Airport control tower to the Federal Member for Macarthur, Mr Pat Farmer MP; the Civil Aviation Safety Authority; and Airservices Australia. Further, that Council support any action by the users and businesses of Camden Airport in their opposition to the closure.

021/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

1. Petition – Request for Speed Humps in Stuckey Place, Lady Ann Way and Patherton Place, Narellan Vale
(File 4249) [Director Works and Services]

Council is in receipt of a petition containing 54 signatories, representing 35 residences, which states:

“I have witnessed, like all my neighbours the dangerous speeding that occurs daily in our street.

The cars come off Waterworth Drive and use Stuckey Place which becomes Lady Ann Way then Patherton Place as a speed track.

Several cars have lost control coming around the first bend (opposite Elgar Place) one car dangerously spinning around and completely blocking the road and luckily no one was injured. But it is only a matter of time before someone is badly injured or killed.

SPEED HUMPS would slow the traffic coming into Stuckey Place from Waterworth Drive.

We urgently need humps in Stuckey Place, Lady Ann Way and Patherton Place.”

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This petition has been referred to the Traffic Committee for investigation.

Recommended: That Council note the petition and that it will be investigated and reported through the Traffic Committee.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Winn that Council note the petition and that it will be investigated and reported through the Traffic Committee.

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2. Harrington Park Reserves – Fees and Charges

(File 7130.15) (Director Works and Services)

Council has recently taken control of Hillside Reserve, Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive, Harrington Park. This reserve provides for multipurpose sports, and also contains clubroom/amenities facilities. Similarly Council will shortly take control of Harrington Park Reserve, the reserve currently being constructed adjacent to waterbody 3 and The Northern Road, Harrington Park.

This report proposes to set the fees to be charged for the use of the playing field and facilities on these two reserves.

Hillside Reserve

Playing Field

In accordance with Council's current scale of charges, this field containing an irrigation system, lights and the changeroom/amenities facilities is classified as a Group 'A' reserve, with the following fee scale:

| SPORT | JUNIOR ** | SENIOR ** |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cricket | \$324.26 | \$648.53 |
| AFL | \$216.18 | \$432.35 |
| Soccer | \$204.17 | \$408.33 |
| League | \$204.17 | \$408.33 |
| Union | \$204.17 | \$408.33 |

The rates noted above provide for 2 training nights per week and one day use per week of the playing field during the sports season. For an additional nights training a fee of \$8.00 per hour applies.

Should a club only require to book this field for training purposes then a seasonal booking for each night's training will incur a fee of \$40.79 per night.

Council will recall that this field has been allocated to Camden AFL for the forthcoming winter season and Camden District Cricket Association for the summer season.

Clubrooms

In accordance the Council's current scale of fees and charges, the hire of Harrington Park Clubrooms will be charged as follows:

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| | FEES ** |
|--|----------------|
| <u>Key Deposit for regular hirers per set of keys</u> | \$50 |
| Deposit for casual hire of a facility is 50% of total hire fee | |
| <u>Bonds</u> | |
| Bond – Low Risk | \$220.00 |
| Bond – Medium Risk | \$330.00 |
| Bond – High Risk | \$550.00 |
| <u>Non-Profit organisations other activities (meetings, classes, Council activities)</u> | |
| Casual – Sunday to Friday up to 3pm | \$11.00 p/h |
| Regular Monday – Friday up to 3pm | \$7.70 p/h |
| <u>All other organisations (including state and commonwealth government departments commercial and private)</u> | |
| Casual – Sunday to Friday up to 3pm | \$22.00 p/h |
| Regular Monday – Friday up to 3pm | \$15.85 p/h |
| <u>Functions (Social functions, weddings, plays, conferences, dances etc) until midnight</u> | |
| Friday after 3.00pm and Sunday (excluding Public Holidays) | \$220.00 |
| Saturday and Public Holidays | \$297.00 |
| There is no 'non profit' rate for functions Fridays or Saturdays | |
| <u>Sporting groups allocated the field for that season</u> | |
| Fridays after 3pm and Sundays | \$110.00 |
| Saturdays | \$148.00 |

Harrington Park Reserve

This field will provide for multipurpose sports use football (soccer or rugby) in winter and cricket in summer.

The reserve will be serviced with irrigation and an amenities block. Lighting is not proposed to be constructed to the fields at this time.

A playing field will be complete in April, but it is envisaged winter sport will not be played on this field this season, to allow the turf to become established.

The reserve has been allocated to the Harrington Park Soccer Club.

Fees and charges for the Group 'B' reserve are noted as follows:

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| SPORT | JUNIOR ** | SENIOR ** |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Soccer | \$192.16 | \$384.32 |
| Cricket | \$300.25 | \$600.49 |
| League | \$192.16 | \$384.32 |
| Union | \$192.16 | \$384.32 |

The rates noted above provide for 2 training nights per week and one day use per week of the playing field during the sports season. For an additional nights training a fee of \$6.00 per hour applies.

Should a club only require to book this field for training purposes then a seasonal booking for each night's training will incur a fee of \$40.79 per night.

** All fees include GST

Recommended: That

- (i) the fees and charges noted in this report for the multipurpose playing fields at Hillside Reserve and Harrington Park Reserve; and for the Hillside Reserve Clubroom use be adopted.
- (ii) The above noted additional fees and charges be placed on exhibition for public comment for a period of 28 days.

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

- (i) the fees and charges noted in this report for the multipurpose playing fields at Hillside Reserve and Harrington Park Reserve; and for the Hillside Reserve Clubroom use be adopted.
- (ii) The above noted additional fees and charges be placed on exhibition for public comment for a period of 28 days.
- (iii) Options for lighting of Harrington Park Reserve be reported to Council.
- (iv) Council facilitate discussions between the AFL Club and the Camden Soccer Club in order to share the Hillside Reserve for training purposes.

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3. Library Funding

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

Purpose

This report advises Council that the library has been successful in gaining a special purpose grant of \$14,559 from the State Library of New South Wales.

Discussion

The special purpose grant will be used to purchase equipment and technology for both library services. This includes:

- a CD Stacker for Camden Library. To enable us to provide access to CD-ROMs, including SMH, Census Data and Census Data Maps and ABS Data;
- five (5) Webcats – to allow broader and faster access to the library catalogue, including access to information about library services and events.
- Two (2) Playstation 2s – to attract young people to the library and meet their growing recreation needs.
- Two (2) A4 Scanners – to meet requests from customers to provide scanning facilities for school assignments, family and local history photographs and documents at Camden and Narellan Library.

This grant will assist the library services in achieving the strategies as set out in the strategic plan, people places – vibrant spaces. It is envisaged that the new equipment will be available for use by May 2003.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

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

024/03

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4. Community Facilities
(File 1323) [Director Works and Services]

Purpose

This report seeks Council's approval to enter into license arrangements with community organisations for the use of Council's facilities for a twelve-month period.

Current situation

Council owns 10 community facilities throughout the local government area.

The community facilities are utilised by people on a:

- Casual basis for social events such as birthday parties, christenings, one off community meetings;
- Regular basis for meetings, dance classes, exercise classes and social clubs; and
- Permanent basis for office accommodation and program delivery space for groups such as the Camden Area Community Resource Centre.

Currently the Camden Area Community Resource Centre, Macarthur District Temporary Family Care and Miss Lizzies Outside School Hours Care Service use Council's community facilities as office accommodation and / or for the provision of programs and services to the community.

In addition, a number of other key agencies in the area have raised through forums the lack of affordable and appropriate office accommodation in the area. These groups have included early childhood health, Macarthur Migrant Resource Centre, Camden Local Youth Group.

This situation is not ideal, as the community organisations require appropriate office accommodation that is visible and large enough to cater for the growing needs of our community.

Arrangements in place for the use of Council's Community Centres and Halls

Individuals or groups using the community centres on a casual basis complete application forms.

Individuals or groups wishing to use the community halls on regular basis apply through an annual expression of interest (EOI) process. Once the EOI's have been received an assessment of the application is made based on the number and type of EOI's received for the individual facility, activities and programs provided across all of Council's community

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facilities; as well as consideration to identified community needs.

Hire or use of Council's community facilities for office accommodation and services delivery on a long-term basis (i.e. greater than 12 months) has arisen from necessity due to the limited availability of more suitable, purpose built accommodation. In the short term it is important that Council has in place appropriate hire or license arrangements that set out the responsibilities of Council and the organisation utilising the facility. The terms of the agreements need to take into consideration the type of organisation occupying the space, the service or program being provided as well as the benefit of the service provided to the wider community.

The majority of groups currently using Council's community centres have had hire agreements or licenses in place, however, have expired in the last 12 months.

It is proposed that the agreements with these groups are renewed for a period of 2 years with no significant changes to the terms. It is proposed that the fees and charges remain the same, with amendments as considered in the preparation of the 2003 / 2004 draft budget. The proposed terms are set out in **Table Document "BPA 1"**.

Provision Of Office Accommodation And Service Delivery Space

In the short term a number of community organisations will continue to utilise the limited space available in the community centres to meet their office accommodation needs. However, a facilities strategy needs to be developed to ensure that there is an appropriate level of affordable space for non-government organisations (NGO) so that they are able to continue to deliver services to the local community.

A number of key agencies in the Camden LGA and wider Macarthur Region have raised issues in relation to the lack of affordable and appropriate accommodation. Such agencies include the Macarthur Migrant Resource Centre (MMRC); Camden Local Youth Group (CLYG); Macarthur Community Forum (Mac Forum) a peak organisation for Macarthur community organisations.

Community organisations operate under increasingly tight funding arrangements, often funding has only increased annually by CPI rather than taking into account the increased population base that the organisation is expected to service. This has lead NGO's to explore options to ensure their services

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future viability and ability to continue to provide services to local people.

One strategy NGO's are keen to explore is the concept of 'community hubs', where a number of agencies share a facility providing office accommodation and program delivery space; but also share space with other activities such as shopping centres, libraries or recreation activities. Through co location with other NGO's there will be opportunities to share costs associated with administrative support and equipment (eg photocopying, printers etc) as well as increased opportunities for professional support and collaborative partnerships. All resulting in an increased capacity to meet the growing community needs. Through co location with other activities such as shopping areas, libraries and recreation activities there NGO's will also increase their profile within the community simply by being visible rather than 'tucked away' in a stand alone community centre.

Strategies to address the shortage of affordable and appropriate office accommodation and program delivery space in the LGA are currently being explored. This includes provision of office accommodation as part of the Narellan Urban Improvement Program as well as opportunities through section 94 contributions.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with the Macarthur District Temporary Family Care for the use of space within the Harrington Park Community Centre;
- (ii) Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with the Camden Area Community Resource Centre for the use of office space and the annex within the Narellan Community Centre;
- (iii) Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with Ms Gibson for the use of the Jumbunna Centre for the delivery of an outside school Hours care centre within the Jumbunna Centre;
- (iv) Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with the Camden Area Community Resource Centre for the use of space within the Jumbunna Children's centre for the provision of:
 - office space for the Children's Worker;
 - delivery of the occasional centre; and
 - toy library;

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- (v) Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) license with the Camden Local Youth Group for the use of space within the Mount Annan Community Cottage;
- (vi) Council authorises the fixing of Council's seal to the required documents.

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

- (i) *Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with the Macarthur District Temporary Family Care for the use of space within the Harrington Park Community Centre;*
- (ii) *Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with the Camden Area Community Resource Centre for the use of office space and the annex within the Narellan Community Centre;*
- (iii) *Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with Ms Gibson for the use of the Jumbunna Centre for the delivery of an outside school Hours care centre within the Jumbunna Centre;*
- (iv) *Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) License with the Camden Area Community Resource Centre for the use of space within the Jumbunna Children's centre for the provision of:*
 - *office space for the Children's Worker;*
 - *delivery of the occasional centre; and*
 - *toy library;*
- (v) *Council agree to enter into a twelve month (12) license with the Camden Local Youth Group for the use of space within the Mount Annan Community Cottage;*
- (vi) *Council authorises the fixing of Council's seal to the required documents.*

025/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Mayor (Cr Corrigan) proposed that the Notice of Motion dealing with Larkin Place carpark be dealt with at this stage of the Meeting as the outcome will have a result on the adoption of the Traffic Committee Minutes.

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MOTION

Moved Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Patterson that the Notice of Motion be brought forward and dealt with at this stage.

026/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED**.

NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Geoff Corrigan hereby give notice of my intention to move the following at the Council meeting of 24 February, 2003:

"the Larkin Street gate to St Paul's Primary School, 30-36 John Street, Camden remain open".

Signed:

Cr Geoff Corrigan

(Cr Patterson declared a Conflict of Interest in this matter as traffic movements within Larkin Place carpark could affect the drive through trading associated with his neighbouring hotel business. Cr Patterson took no part in discussion or voting on this matter and left the Chamber – the time being 8.35pm).

The Notice of Motion was formally

Moved Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that the Larkin Street gate to St Paul's Primary School, 30-36 John Street, Camden remain open.

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

(Cr Anderson, Cr Campbell and Cr Senise voted against the Motion).

(Cr Patterson returned to the Chamber – the time being 8.55pm).

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Delegated Committees

Development Committee – Held 28 January 2003

Development Committee – Held 10 February 2003

Resources & Services Committee – Held 10 February 2003

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Batros that the Minutes of the Development Committee of the 28 January, 2003, and 10 February 2003, and the Minutes of the Resources & Services Committee of the 10 February, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

028/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

Other Committees

Traffic Committee – Held 10 February 2003

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr McFadden that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee of the 10 February, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted subject to the inclusion of the following phrase at the beginning of the recommendation in relation to Item 18 as follows:-

“That should Council approve the Development Application at 1-7 Barsden Street”.

029/03

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

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Bicentennial Park

(PF1500.600)

Cr Campbell asked if Council was aware, Camden was successful in hosting the 2006 National Polo Cross Championships. The event will attract 5,000 people for a national event of the 3-4 week period and inject up to \$1 million in the local economy. In the lead up to 2006, the Australian Club Championships will also be held in Camden next year. Camden is also in the running to be awarded the 2005 World Cup in Polo Cross which will draw competitors worldwide. The Sydney Polo Club will also host 2 major and other significant events as well as regular Club events. Members of the Polo Club feel Camden is so perfectly placed as a venue that it should be considered to be the permanent venue for all state titles.

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The Mayor requested Council's congratulations be passed on the Sydney City Polo Club on their good work.

Barsden Street Development

(DA575.60-3)

Cr Winn requested to be advised would the Development Application for Barsden Street be reported to Council.

The Director Development & Environment stated long and protracted issues have been discussed with residents and a detailed report will be provided to Council.

Bicentennial Park – Tree Planting

(PF1500.600)

Cr Fekete drew attention to the tree planting program planned for Bicentennial Park when conditions have improved and noted the potential for a much-enhanced park in 3-4 years time.

The Mayor stated the planting will be part of the National Greening Program and will be carried out as soon as practical.

Traffic Committee – Fatalities

Cr Senise drew reference to a question at the previous meeting relating to details of fatalities and reports to Traffic Committee and wished to thank the Council officers involved in the recent compilation of a report regarding a fatality on the Northern Road.

Summer Reading Program

(TC/1326)

Cr Senise drew attention to the Item in the Councillor information sheet for Children's Library Services noting the success of the Summer Reading Program for 0-12 year old children. Are similar reading programs envisaged for the upcoming School breaks.

The Manager Community Services stated similar programmes will be conducted each holiday period for primary aged children and above.

Cr Senise requested Councillors be provided by memorandum of details including the relevant Council officer and timings.

Cr Campbell also requested Council be provided with an indication of the number of young people who applied for the program but were not successful as only a limited number were included in the sessions. Cr Campbell also requested a

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report as to why classes were generally conducted at Narellan and not based across the Local Government Area.

Seniors Online Training

(TC/1746)

Cr Senise requested to be advised of the advertising arrangements for the training.

The Manager Community Services stated that the advertising would be carried out in the local papers and throughout the Seniors network as well as through a number of Seniors Groups within the Local Government Area.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.